



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORELAND CIVIC CENTRE,  
90 BELL STREET, COBURG  
ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2017**

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and closed at 7 pm.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Time in</b>	<b>Time out</b>
Cr Helen Davidson (Mayor)	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Samantha Ratnam (Deputy Mayor)	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Natalie Abboud	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.31 pm	7 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Ali Irfanli	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr John Kavanagh	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Dale Martin	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Mark Riley	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	6.30 pm	7 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.30 pm	7 pm

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICERS:**

Chief Executive Officer – Nerina Di Lorenzo  
Director Corporate Services – James Scott  
Director City Infrastructure – Grant Thorne  
Director Social Development – Arden Joseph  
Director Planning and Economic Development - Kirsten Coster  
Executive Manager Organisation Development - Anita Craven  
Manager Property and Governance – Olivia Wright

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Nil

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

### EMOD5/17 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 (D17/164258)

Council is required to prepare a Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan for the next four years, have it adopted by the end of August 2017 and submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government by 30 September 2017. Council is also required under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to hear and consider submissions on the proposed 2017-2021 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2018 to 2021-2022.

The development of the Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan has been informed by a number of key inputs, including working with Councillors to determine their priorities for the next four years and a focused community consultation process carried out during February and March 2017.

This report presents a draft Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2018 to 2021-2022, for endorsement by Council for the purpose of public exhibition.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Abboud seconded that -

Council resolves to:

1. Receive the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 and Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2018 to 2021-2022 for public comment in accordance with legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Issue a public notice giving advice of the required statutory details of the proposed 2017-2021 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2018 to 2021-2022, as well as inviting submissions to be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 21 June 2017.
3. Consider any submissions received under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* at a Council meeting to be held at 6 pm on Monday 3 July 2017.
4. Authorise the Executive Manager Organisation Development to make any necessary changes arising from Council resolutions prior to public exhibition.
5. Include a new key priority under Progressive City (9) 'Enhance the environmental outcomes of Council waste services and increase the communities' awareness/participation in environmental initiatives to reduce waste to landfill.'
6. Rename P6c to 'Trial, education and implementation of initiatives to actively reduce waste to landfill' and move to page 9.
7. Include the following actions in the four year implementation plan:
  - a) Year 1 – Undertake an education program in parallel with a trial of public place recycling bins in shopping strips. The trial will be evaluated, from learnings gathered which will inform whether the project will be scaled up. – budget (funded from the proposed \$151,000)
  - b) Year 1 – Provide a report to Council on the results of the trial program with additional information into the take up of the 'Composting Community' composting bin and worm farm discount program. – Budget Base.
  - c) Year 2 – Progress the transition of diverting food waste from the garbage bin to the green bin by providing timeline and implementation plans to Council for action.
  - d) Year 2 – Undertake analysis of the impact on dumped rubbish following the change to the Hard Waste Collection Service - Budget Base.
  - e) Year 3 – Report to Council on the results of the dumped rubbish/hard waste collection review. – Budget Base.

8. Add a new:
  - a) Deliverable in the four year implementation plan under Progressive City (P9) - 'Become a 'Plastic Wise' Council by banning all disposable plastic items at Council festivals and events.'
  - b) Action in Year 1 - Amend Council's waste and litter strategy and, festival and events policies to fully implement a Council wide plastic wise policy.
9. Add a new action in year 1 under Progressive City (P2d) - 'Advance investigative and advocacy work for Upfield Line should a whole of line solution became viable'.
10. Make the following amendments to key priorities under Progressive City on page 19:
  - a). Amend point to 4 to 'increase tree canopy cover, enhance existing open space and create at least two new parks, in areas with the lowest access to open space'.
  - b). Amend point 6 to 'Develop a clear and funded approach to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2040'.
  - c). To delete word 'to' from point 8 and reword to 'strengthen and invest in the significant creative sector in Moreland and enhance its standing as a destination for the arts.'
11. Make the following amendments to deliverables and actions in the four year implementation plan on:
  - a). Page 27 – re-word to:
    - i. C1a) Human Rights Policy implementation - Scope initiatives within the Human Rights Policy to improve social cohesion.
    - ii. C1c) Indigenous employment program - scope a new indigenous employment program to increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff employed by Moreland City Council.
  - b). Page 31 - change C5c) to: 'Implement the current youth strategy and develop a new strategy in 2018'.
  - c). Page 34: P1g): Council to partner in one pilot deliberative development project to showcase a model for the community and encourage more deliberative development models in Moreland'.
  - d). Page 36 - reword P2e to: 'Review and fund the Moreland Bike Strategy: ensuring alignment with revised Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS)'.
  - e). Page 42 - add new deliverable under P8a to: 'Pilot an operational grants program for local Arts organisations and projects'.
  - f). Page 42 - Change P8b to: 'Create a hub for the Arts and invest in the Arts industries'.

**Carried unanimously**

## **DCS27/17 PROPOSED MORELAND CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2016-2017 (D17/165365)**

Council has prepared a budget for the 2017-2018 financial year. Key features include:

- The rate rise proposed is 2% on the total rate base, in accordance with the rate cap that has been set by the Minister for Local Government. This equates to a 1.6% rise in the general rate.
- Total waste charges are proposed to increase by 0.4%.
- The waste charge for the 80 litre bin is proposed to increase by 13 cents to \$154.73 per annum. The charge per litre for the 80 litre bin (\$1.93 per litre per annum) remains much lower than larger bins that are not shared (average \$3.05 per litre per annum).

- A capital works program of \$52.15 million.
- An operating projects program of \$3.86 million.
- A balanced cash budget – this requires an underlying operating surplus of \$28.47 million to meet the loan redemption requirements, capital expenditure beyond depreciation and reserve transfers.
- Continuation of the Differential Rate on Vacant Land and the Differential Rate on Unoccupied Land, both levied at four times the General Rate but capable of reduction via rebates upon compliance with criteria.

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 financial year as contained in Attachment 1 to enable it to be placed on display for public comment.

Council has also reviewed the Rating Strategy at Attachment 2 and in the fees and charges at Attachment 3.

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Martin seconded that -

Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the Rating Strategy 2017-2018 (Attachment 2), for the purposes of public consultation with the 2017-2018 Budget.
2. Declare the Proposed Budget annexed to this resolution as the proposed Moreland City Council Budget 2017-2018 (Attachment 1) in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
3. Give public notice of the preparation of the proposed Moreland City Council Budget 2017-2018 in accordance with section 129(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and to state in such public notice that submissions on the proposed Budget must be submitted by 5pm on 21 June 2017.
4. Make the proposed 2017-2018 Moreland City Council Budget available for inspection at Council Offices, at Council libraries and on the Council internet site.
5. Receive and hear all submissions on the proposed Moreland City Council Budget 2017-2018 made in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, at the Council meeting to be held on 3 July 2017.
6. Consider the adoption of the budget and the declaration of rates at the Council meeting on 24 July 2017.
7. Note that \$15.5 million has been allocated to the 2018-2019 financial year to complete the Oak Park Aquatic Centre redevelopment, and that Council intends to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer authorisation to bring forward funding from the Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Redevelopment Reserve account up to the full balance of the Reserve if the project expenditure is ahead of schedule.
8. Note that \$75,000 has been included in the budget to complete the design of one additional Shopping Strip Renewal Project.
9. Note that Council intends to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to bring forward funding for up to half the cost of completing the 'missing link' in the Upfield Shared Bike Path if the State Government matches these funds to complete the project.

10. Note the following grant funding applications have been submitted and Council has committed matched funding where successful:
  - a) Sumner Park - Sportsfield Lighting.
  - b) Morris Reserve - Sportsfield and change room's facilities upgrade.
  - c) Campbell Reserve – Pavilion Refurbishment.
  - d) Clifton Park west sporting grounds lighting and Brunswick hockey ground pitch – refurbishment. Should the relevant grant application not be successful, that Council will refer this project to the mid-year budget review in order to fully fund the project within the next financial year.
11. Note the creation of a bridge reserve and initial allocation of \$500,000 with expenditure allocation pending review of the Darebin Council business cases for the Merri Creek Shared Bridge. A funding strategy to add to this reserve be developed so it may adequately fund the Merri Creek bridge near CERES and Edgar's Creek Bridge near Coburg Hill over the coming two financial years, pending confirmation of Council's plans.
  - a) At note 18, Other Reserves on page 42 of 58 (134), add a footnote D: 'Bridge Reserve to read that \$500k per annum recurs over 4 years to a total of \$2M from 2017-2018 to 2020 -2021 for bridges such as Merri and Edgars creek'.
12. Note the implementation of the Open Space Acquisition project scheduled to commence in 2017-2018 is wholly funded by the Public Resort and Recreation Fund Reserve.
13. Increase the budget amount on page 149 for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee program from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

**Carried**

Cr Bolton called for a division.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Kavanagh	Cr Bolton
Cr Yildiz	
Cr Tapinos	
Cr Davidson	
Cr Ratnam	
Cr Abboud	
Cr Carli Hannan	
Cr Irfanli	
Cr Martin	
Cr Riley	
<b>Total For (10)</b>	<b>Total Against (1)</b>

The meeting closed at 7 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Helen Davidson  
**MAYOR**