



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORELAND CIVIC CENTRE,
90 BELL STREET, COBURG
ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2018**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.05 pm and acknowledged the traditional owners, the Wurundjeri people and paid respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today. The Mayor acknowledged that currently many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made Moreland home and in doing so have contributed to the positive, rich diversity of this municipality.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr John Kavanagh (Mayor)	6.05 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Natalie Abboud (Deputy Mayor)	6.05 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.09 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	Leave of absence	
Cr Helen Davidson	6.05 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Jess Dorney	6.05 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Ali Irfanli	Apology	
Cr Dale Martin	6.05 pm	6.14 pm
Cr Mark Riley	Apology	
Cr Lambros Tapinos		
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.05 pm	6.14 pm

APOLOGIES:

Cr Irfanli and Cr Riley.

Leave of absence has been granted to Cr Carli Hannan - 3 April 2018 to 26 April 2018 inclusive.

OFFICERS:

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

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

6.09 pm Cr Bolton entered the Chamber.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

DCS18/18 PROPOSED MORELAND CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2018-2019 (D18/130613)

Council has prepared a proposed budget for the 2018-2019 financial year. Key features include:

- The rate rise proposed is 2.25% on the total rate base, in accordance with the rate cap that has been set by the Minister for Local Government;
- The waste charge for the 80 litre bin is proposed to increase by \$20.41 per year, largely due to the increased costs resulting from China's National Sword policy. The cost of this bin is now \$175.14 per year and is a lower cost per litre than larger bins to encourage reduced waste.
- A capital works program of \$41.75 million;
- An operating projects program of \$3.03 million to implement the Council Plan;
- A balanced cash budget – this requires a comprehensive income statement surplus of \$31.14 million to meet the loan redemption requirements, capital expenditure beyond depreciation and reserve transfers; and
- Removal of the current Differential Rate on Vacant/Unoccupied Land and associated rebates.

The purpose of this report is to present the Proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 Financial Year as contained in Attachment 1, the Rating Strategy (at Attachment 2) and the Strategic Resource Plan SRP (at Attachment 3) to enable them to be placed on display for public comment.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Proposed Budget 2018-2019, at Attachment 1 to this report, for community consultation in accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
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3. Endorses the draft Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2022 at attachment 3 to this report, updated to guide the development of the Proposed Budget 2018-2019.
4. Notes the proposal to bring forward \$0.43 million from the 2019-2020 financial year capital works plan, to complete the Brunswick Town Hall and Mechanics Institutes forecourts, in 2018-2019.
5. Notes that \$4.00 million will be transferred to Significant Projects reserve to accumulate funding for Council's long-term significant priorities which include, but are not limited to the W heatsheaf Hub project, the Fleming Park project and the Saxon Street project.
6. Notes that \$1.64 million will be transferred to a separate reserve to enable the funding of Council Plan Priorities which are currently being scoped and costed.
7. Notes that the budget includes funding for the design works relating to the top 10 Bike Strategy projects in accordance with DCI 58/17. To authorise the CEO to bring forward construction from later years in the CAPEX program as soon as designs are complete and approvals are obtained.

8. Gives public notice of the preparation of the Proposed Budget 2018-2019 in accordance with section 129(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* in *The Age* newspaper and invites written submissions in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* until 5 pm on 24 May 2018.
9. Makes the Proposed Budget 2018-2019 available for inspection at Council Offices, at Council libraries and on the Council internet site.
10. Notes the date and time of the meeting to hear submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submissions to the Proposed Budget 2018-2019, has been set as 6 pm on 28 May 2018, to be held in Council Chamber.
11. Receives a further report outlining any submissions received on the Proposed Budget 2018-2019 Rating Strategy 2018-2019, including a summary of the Hearing of Submissions meeting, and presenting a final Proposed Budget 2018-2019 at its meeting on 25 June 2018.

Resolution

Cr Martin moved, Cr Dorney seconded -

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Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

Confirmed

Cr John Kavanagh
MAYOR