

3.4 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009/2010

(MK:FIN66)

Responsible Director: Marilyn Kearney

RECOMMENDATION*That*

1. *Council approves the proposed budget for 2009/10 as presented for the purpose of giving public notice in accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989.*
2. *In accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989, public notice of the preparation of the proposed budget will be published in The Age, Waverley Leader, and Oakleigh Monash Leader newspapers as soon as practicable and the proposed budget documents will be available for viewing at the following locations as prescribed by the Council:*
 - *Civic Centre 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley*
 - *Oakleigh Service Centre, Atherton Road, Oakleigh*
 - *Oakleigh Library, Drummond Street, Oakleigh*
 - *Clayton Branch Library, Cooke Street, Clayton*
 - *Mount Waverley Library, 41 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley*
 - *Whealers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill,*
 - *Glen Waverley Library, Kingsway, Glen Waverley; and*
 - *Council's web site: www.monash.vic.gov.au.*
3. *At the time of publication of the public notice the information contained in the public notice and the requirements for statutory information set out in Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Finance & Reporting) Regulations 2004 will be available for public inspection between 14th May and 11 June 2009, at 4pm (both dates inclusive) during normal business hours at the following locations:*
 - *Civic Centre 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley between the hours of 8.15 am and 5.00 pm weekdays*
 - *Oakleigh Service Centre, Atherton Road Oakleigh, between the hours of 8.45 am and 5.00 pm weekdays*

and

 - *Oakleigh Library, Drummond Street Oakleigh*
 - *Clayton Branch Library, Cooke Street Clayton*
 - *Mount Waverley Library, 41 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley*
 - *Whealers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Road Wheelers Hill*
 - *Glen Waverley Library, Kingsway Glen Waverley*

during the normal advertised business hours; and on Council's web site: www.monash.vic.gov.au.

4. *Council appoints a Committee of Council, comprising all Councillors to consider submissions received on the proposed 2009/10 Budget.*
5. *Any written submissions on any proposal contained in the proposed budget received by the Council by 4 pm, 11 June 2009, in accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989, be considered by the Committee of Council at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 June 2009.*
6. *Any requests for verbal submissions received in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 be heard by the Committee of Council at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 June 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley.*
7. *Subject to the consideration of any written or verbal submissions received in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and any decisions made, Council adopts its budget on 30 June 2009.*
8. *In accordance with the requirements of Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Councillor and Mayoral allowances be determined at the following levels -*
 - a) *the Councillor allowance be set at \$24,200 per annum; and*
 - b) *the Mayoral allowance be set at \$77,300 per annum, plus a fully maintained vehicle; and*
 - c) *in addition, the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9%) will be included in the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.*
9. *Under the provisions of Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, submissions be invited on the proposed Councillor and Mayoral allowances and that a Committee of Council comprising all Councillors be appointed to consider submissions at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 June 2009, in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley.*

ANALYSIS

A proposed budget for Monash City Council for the financial year commencing 1 July 2009, has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Finance & Reporting) Regulations 2004.

Having considered the proposed budget, Council is required to formally resolve to approve it as presented to the meeting and give notice of its preparation by publishing a notice in the 'The Age' and local newspapers.

CRLA PROPERTIES

Council is required to undertake a separate process to assess the charges applicable in lieu of rates for Cultural & Recreational land use properties. Information pertaining to this assessment has been provided to Council under separate cover. Adoption of the budget will incorporate the charges in lieu of

rates for those properties.

MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

Council is required to undertake a review of the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances within 7 months of a municipal election.

Council has determined that the Councillor Allowance should be set at \$24,200 per annum and the Mayoral Allowance at \$77,300 per annum, plus a fully maintained vehicle. These allowances accord with Monash City Council being placed in Category 3 of the State Government's category structure for Councils.

In addition, the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9%) will be included in the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The proposed budget will be available for public inspection between 14 May and 11 June 2009 (both dates inclusive) at the following locations:

- Civic Centre 293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley
(between the hours of 8.15 am to 5.00 pm weekdays)
- Oakleigh Service Centre, Atherton Road Oakleigh
(between the hours of 8.45 am to 5.00 pm weekdays)

and

- Mount Waverley Library, 41 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley
- Wheelers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Road Wheelers Hill
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during normal advertised business hours and on *Council's web site* at www.monash.vic.gov.au.

This year Monash residents will be able to utilise a new feature on Council's website: 'Have Your Say'. Access to this web page will allow residents to download submission forms and lodge submissions on the Council draft Budget and Council Plan by email.

A Committee of Council will consider any written or verbal submissions received on the proposals contained in the proposed budget and on the Councillors' allowances, on Tuesday 16 June 2009. Council must receive written submissions no later than 4.00pm on 11 June 2009.

Council will adopt its budget for 2009/10 and set the Councillors' allowance at the ordinary meeting of Council on 30 June 2009 following consideration of submissions.

Any person wanting to make a submission to the Council should advise of this

requirement in their written submission, giving a name and contact number.

Written submissions marked “Budget Submission” should be addressed to:

Mr David Conran
Chief Executive Officer
Monash City Council
P.O Box 1
Glen Waverley 3150

or hand delivered to the Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley 3150, or by email to by the closing date and time.

CONCLUSION

The proposed budget has been prepared in accordance with legislative requirements Council should now resolve to give notice of its proposed budget and Councillor allowance review for public consultation for 2009/10 for the City of Monash.