

**MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
223 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET
2018/2019 AND THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN**

7.30 pm, 12 June 2018, Council Chamber, Civic Centre

PRESENT

Crs Klisaris (Mayor), McCluskey (Deputy Mayor), Davies, Fergeus, James, Lake, Little, Paterson, Saloumi, Tsoi, Zographos

APOLOGIES

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

1. SUBMISSIONS

The Mayor advised that 43 submissions had been received, and 5 submitters wished to be heard in support of their submissions.

Two submitters spoke in support of the proposed upgrade to the facilities at Brentwood Reserve, Brandon Park. They noted the need for the upgrade in the context of increasing membership of the clubs using that reserve and demand for improved facilities that could accommodate the demand and the need to cater for female team members.

One submitter spoke against the proposed rate cap variation arising out of the recycling issue. He noted that his neighbours also shared his view and that he had experienced a 36 percent increase in his rates, following the most recent revaluation. He suggested that the Council could meet the additional costs it was facing through cutting operating costs, including staff salaries.

The Mayor noted that the fourth submitter had withdrawn her request to be heard and the fifth submitter did not attend the meeting.

At this point the Mayor thanked the submitters and sought to close the meeting to those submitters present.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to enable the Mayor to take advice on the proposed closure of the meeting.

On the return to the meeting, at 7.55 pm, the Mayor advised that the committee would adjourn for a further 60 minutes, to allow the committee to consider additional issues related to the matter.

At 8.55 pm, the committee reconvened and the Mayor advised that the committee would adjourn to 20 June 2018, to finalise its recommendations to Council.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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APOLOGIES

Crs Davies and Zographos

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

SUBMISSIONS

BUDGET

The Mayor advised that this was an adjourned meeting. He noted the number of submissions that had been received and the submitters heard at the 12 June 2018 committee meeting.

The Mayor noted the purpose of this meeting was to make recommendations to Council regarding the 2018/2019 Budget.

Cr McCluskey thanked all submitters for taking the time to make a submission on the Budget.

Cr Little said that he was sympathetic with the submitter requesting the installation of bus shelters and seating and requested the matter be part of the following year's budget considerations.

The Mayor referred to the matter of the Budget and the options available to the Council regarding the Essential Service Commission decision on the rate cap and a possible recycling levy, including a pensioner rebate on such a levy.

Cr James spoke in favour of a levy and possibly indexed to CIV.

Cr Little spoke in support of a flat levy.

Cr Saloumi spoke against the introduction of a separate charge, noting more accurate costs were needed.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the levy could be approximately \$22 per property, which would enable the Council to provide a pensioner rebate on that levy. The levy would apply for 2 years.

The possibility of a levy being waived for pensioners, was raised by Cr James. The Chief Financial Officer advised that particular processes under legislation would be required.

Cr Lake spoke in favour of a levy and Cr James' proposal.

Moved Cr Klisaris seconded Cr Paterson

That the committee recommends the adoption of the draft 2018/2019 Budget incorporating the Strategic Resource plan, with the introduction of a flat fee recycling levy, including a pensioner rebate, for a 2 year period.

CARRIED

DRAINAGE – DOBELL CLOSE GLEN WAVERLEY

The Mayor spoke in support of the allocation of \$300k-\$400k for drainage works in Dobell Close Glen Waverley to address long standing flooding issues.

Cr Saloumi spoke in favour of the proposal.

Cr James noted that this was originally a Budget bid that had not been supported. He did not support the proposal.

Cr Lake noted that the committee could only make a recommendation to Council. He added that supported the proposal but not outside the rigor of the Budget process and supported it for inclusion in the 2019/2020 Budget process.

Cr Tsoi spoke in support of the motion, noting people's safety was of concern.

Cr Mc Cluskey spoke against the motion, noting that that amount of money could be better spent on projects that affected the safety and well being of hundreds of Monash residents and could save lives.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their contribution, noting that it was a difficult situation.

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Meeting closed at 7.35 pm