



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

29 JUNE 2022



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COUNCIL HELD 29 JUNE 2022 IN ST KILDA TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Development, Tony Keenan, General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Claire Stevens, General Manager Governance and Organisational Capability, Joanne McNeill, Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Performance, Mitch Gillett, Workplace Experience Lead, Liam O’Cathasaigh, Event Manager, Naomi Phillips, Council Business Officer, Merryn Shaw, Governance and Council Meetings 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, past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Copsey declared an interest in Parts 3a and 3b of the recommendation on report 3.3: *Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Adoption*, being the acquisition of Pakington Street property, and service costs for the Port Melbourne Yacht Club.

Councillor Baxter declared an interest in Part 3b of the recommendation on report 3.3: *Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Adoption*, being service costs for the Port Melbourne Yacht Club.



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 2 – Don't Waste It Management Strategy 2022-25 and Rating Strategy 2022-25

- Ann Byrne

Item 3.3 – Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan and Budget 2022-23: Adoption

The following speakers made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

- Helen Halliday
- Brian Hanlon
- Peter Moraitis
- Trina Lewis
- John Spierings
- Muriel Arnott
- Jack Halliday
- Alan Renshaw
- Deborah Sykes
- John Myers
- Daniel Peel
- Bill Garner
- David Brand
- Phil Heuz

The following submissions were read out in summary:

- Deborah Sykes
- Iain Steward
- Gail Hastings
- Judith Klepner
- Delia Bradshaw
- Stephen Pennells
- Brittany Quayle
- Leslie Rosenblatt

3 WELL GOVERNED PORT PHILLIP

3.1 Enterprise Asset Management Plan

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to endorse the Enterprise Asset Management Plan (EAMP) following consideration of feedback from community consultation.

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Thanks submitters for their feedback on the draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan and notes minor updates have been made in response to this feedback.
- 3.2 Adopts the Enterprise Asset Management Plan and approves the document to



be published for community information.

- 3.3 Authorises the CEO or delegate to make any changes reflecting any decisions on the Council Plan and Budget 2022/23 or minor amendments required to finalise the document that does not materially change the content.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

3.2 Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-2025 and Rating Strategy 2022-25

Purpose

- 1.1 To present the *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25 and Rating Strategy 2022-25* for adoption following consultation with the community.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Crawford

PART 1

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts the *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Notes the *following* new waste services to be delivered in 2023 in the *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25*:
 - 3.2.1 Weekly collection of 120-litre FOGO bin to eligible Single Unit Developments (SUDs), commencing from January 2023.
 - 3.2.2 Weekly collection of FOGO bin (size to be determined) to eligible Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs), commencing from July 2023.
 - 3.2.3 A move to fortnightly garbage collection for properties with kerbside FOGO bins, six months after the commencement of the FOGO services.
 - 3.2.4 Communal organics services for properties that are ineligible or unable to accommodate the additional FOGO kerbside bin commencement from July 2023.
- 3.2.5 Communal glass recycling services to be rolled-out across the City providing access for all residents commencing from January 2023.

Cr Bond called for the vote under a DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED



MOVED Crs Martin/Cunsolo

PART 2

That Council:

- 3.3 Adopts the Rating *Strategy 2022-25* (Attachment 2).
- 3.4 Notes the *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* includes the following rating structure changes to be included in Budget 2022/23 for adoption:
 - 3.4.1 Shifting the rating system from Net Annual Value (NAV) to Capital Improved Value (CIV).
 - 3.4.2 Introducing Differential Rating at the property class level (Commercial, Industrial and Residential).
 - 3.4.3 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 to a waste charge structure.
 - 3.4.4 Implement a tiered waste charge structure including rebates to ensure a fairer fee structure based on user-pays principle.
- 3.5 Notes that Report 3.3 on tonight's agenda (*Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan and Budget 2022-23: Adoption*) includes consideration of a 1.75% average rate increase for 2022/23, despite inflation forecast at 4.5% (likely higher) and new waste services and related waste cost increases of 14%.

Cr Pearl called for the vote under a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Copsey and Martin

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Sirakoff, Pearl and Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED

MOVED Crs Copsey/Crawford

PART 3

That Council:

- 3.6 Authorises the CEO to make amendments to the proposed *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* and proposed *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* to reflect any changes through this resolution or consideration of the Budget 2022/23 as separate item on the meeting agenda, and to make minor editorial adjustments to the document to prepare for publication and distribution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned from 8:14pm to 8:25pm



3.3 Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two - Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Adoption

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to consider and respond to public submissions and adopt the Council Plan 2021-2031 updated for year two, including the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, the Financial Plan, the Revenue and Rating Plan, the Budget 2022/23 and the declaration of rates and charges for 2022/23.

MOVED Crs Martin/Baxter

PART 1

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the forecast financial improvement of \$2.81 million which brings the forecast cumulative cash surplus to \$5.27 million for 2021/22.
- 3.2 Notes the financial changes identified and incorporated into the proposed Budget 2022/23 in **Attachment 4** of this report including budget provisions for higher inflation at 4.5%, higher waste management costs, and the investment required to appropriately grow and look after our \$3.2 billion worth of community assets.
- 3.3 Notes that the Budget 2022/23 proposed by Officers includes a cumulative cash surplus of \$1.56 million providing contingency in a volatile and uncertain operating environment.
- 3.4 Notes the community engagement and consultation that took place summarised in Section 5 of this report.
- 3.5 Responds and thanks in writing to those that have made formal written submissions, to advise them of the outcome of Council's decision.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

MOVED Crs Martin/Crawford

PART 2

- 3.6 That Council endorses a 1.75 percent average rate increase for 2022/23 in line with the rates cap set by the Victorian Government.

Cr Pearl called for the vote under a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Copsey and Martin

AGAINST: Crs Bond, Sirakoff, Pearl and Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED.



PART 3

MOVED Crs Crawford/Baxter

The vote was taken in two parts. Items 3.7.1 – 3.7.5 and 3.7-3.8 were voted en bloc:

- 3.7 Having considered all the submissions received and those heard at the Special Meeting of 14 June 2022, and having completed its budget deliberations, Council agrees to include the following community budget submissions in the Budget 2022/23:
- 3.7.1 Port Phillip Community Group – additional funding of \$25,000 to be accommodated within the existing budgets for social recovery. This will allow PPCG to continue to provide food support until 30 June 2023.
 - 3.7.2 Business Advisory Group – funding of \$200,000 for promotion and marketing of the city to be accommodated within the existing budgets for economic recovery.
 - 3.7.3 Multicultural Advisory Committee - \$800 for 'Welcoming City' banners to be accommodated within the existing budget for diversity.
 - 3.7.4 Older Person's Advisory Committee – the request for additional library resourcing will be accommodated within the existing Library budget as part of implementing the Library Action Plan.
 - 3.7.5 Carlisle Street Traders Association - \$40,000 to build Association capacity in the first financial year of operation to be accommodated within existing budgets for economic recovery.
 - 3.7.7 JL Murphy Baseball Club Lighting Project – commencement to be brought forward to 2022/23 from 2023/24 with design and implementation over two years. Budget 2022/23 expenditure of \$100,000 and forecast 2023/24 expenditure of \$1 million.
 - 3.7.8 Provides a three year funding agreement of \$9,000 per annum, excluding GST, to Wild At Heart Community Arts to be used specifically for hire of Council facilities expenses to support the group for a further three years while they transition to a different funding model.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

Item 3.7.6 was put separately:

- 3.7.6 Waterfront Welcomers - funding contribution of \$20,000 to be accommodated within existing budgets for economic recovery.

Cr Copsey called for the vote under a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Copsey, Martin and Pearl

AGAINST: Crs Sirakoff and Clark

The MOTION was CARRIED.

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PART 3 A

Councillor Copsey declared an interest in Parts 3a and 3b of the recommendation on report 3.3: Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Adoption, being the acquisition of Pakington Street property, and service costs for the Port Melbourne Yacht Club, and out of an abundance of caution left the meeting at 9:21pm.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That Council notes that the Council Plan and Budget 2022/23 includes reference to the land acquisition of Pakington Street Reserve, St Kilda East as part of the funding for the Public Space Strategy.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

PART 3 B

Councillor Baxter declared an interest in Part 3b of the recommendation on report 3.3: Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two – Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Adoption, being service costs for the Port Melbourne Yacht Club, and out of an abundance of caution left the meeting at 9:21pm.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Martin

That Council adopts the fees, service costs and rate grant for Port Melbourne Yacht Club as detailed in the Council Plan and Budget 2022-23.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

Crs Copsey and Baxter returned to the meeting at 9:22pm.

MOVED Crs Clark/Sirakoff

PART 4

3.8 Declares rates and charges for Budget 2022/23 as required by Section 94 of the Local Government Act as follows:

- 3.8.1 An amount of \$125,688,871 to be raised by general rates and \$13,714,482 service charges for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- 3.8.2 A differential rate in the dollar based on type or class of land on the 2022 Capital Improved Value of all rateable properties within the municipality:

Type or class of land	2022 Rate per \$ Capital Improved Value
General rate for rateable residential properties	0.001615
General rate for rateable commercial properties	0.002062

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General rate for rateable industrial properties	0.002073
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- 3.8.3 A Default Waste Charge for all rateable properties of \$176.20 and a Kerbside FOGO Collection Charge of \$88.10.
- 3.8.4 An annual garbage charge of \$402 per tenement on all non-rateable properties that receive waste management services from the City of Port Phillip.
- 3.8.5 An annual garbage bin surcharge of \$221 for tenements that are provided with a 240-litre bin for the collection of non-recyclable waste.
- 3.8.6 An 80-litre waste bin annual rebate of \$70 for properties that take up a small waste bin.
- 3.8.7 A private waste collection rebate of \$60 for residential properties that have private collection for waste.
- 3.8.8 A \$176.20 residential one-occupancy waste rebate for residential carparks and or storage areas.
- 3.8.9 A \$158.50 commercial one-occupancy waste rebate for car park space.
- 3.8.10 The properties on **Attachment 5** to be “Recreational and Cultural Lands” and that the level of general rates for these properties be set in accordance with percentages of the general rate also shown in this attachment.
- 3.8.11 Grants a rebate equivalent to half the general rate for the elderly persons flats as outlined in **Attachment 6**, in accordance with the agreement between Council and the Ministry of Housing.
- 3.8.12 Subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, treats any person(s) who has been excused the prescribed amount of the general rate for the year ending 30 June 2022 in accordance with the State Concessions Act 2004 as being similarly eligible for 2022/23.
- 3.8.13 A Council rebate of \$200 (maximum) to those persons who satisfy eligibility requirements noting that the total value of the combined State Government rebate of approximately \$241 (maximum) and Council rebate will not exceed 50% of the general rate payable for the financial year.
- 3.8.14 Penalty interest rate set in accordance with the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983 at the prescribed rate (10%) as at 1 July 2022 fixed by the Governor in Council for general rates and charges that remain unpaid after the payment dates prescribed by the Governor in Council.
- 3.8.15 A one-off waiver 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.
- 3.8.16 Confirms the previously declared special rate schemes for 2022/23:
- Port Melbourne Business Precinct for Marketing, Management and Business Development to the Maximum of \$320,000.

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- Fitzroy Street and Environs Business Precinct for Marketing, Management and Business Development to the Maximum of \$216,700.
- Acland Street Village Business Precinct for Marketing, Management and Business Development to the Maximum of \$195,000.

3.8.17 Adopts the following payment dates and due dates:

Payment Type Description	Due Date	Interest from
Full Payment	15 Feb, 2023	Same as instalments
1 st Instalment	30 Sept, 2022	1 Oct, 2022
2 nd Instalment	30 Nov, 2022	1 Dec, 2022
3 rd Instalment	28 Feb, 2023	1 Mar, 2023
4 th Instalment	31 May, 2023	1 Jun, 2023

3.8.18 Authorises the Chief Financial Officer and the Coordinator Revenue and Valuations to collect all rates and charges and the Fire Services Property Levy.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED

MOVED Crs Cunsolo/Clark

The vote was taken in two parts. First, on items 3.9 and 3.10

PART 5

- 3.9 Adopts Year 2 of the Council Plan 2021-31, which includes the updated (10-year) Financial Plan, the Revenue and Rating Plan, the Budget 2022/23 and the 10-year community vision as set out in **Attachments 1-3**, and incorporates all changes made by resolution in this special meeting.
- 3.10 Delegates authority to the CEO to reflect any changes made by Council at tonight's meeting, which are not reflected in **Attachments 1-3**, to make minor typographical corrections or changes to images before final publication and to make editorial changes to the Plan that reflect any changed obligations to Council required by state government agencies.

Cr Copsey called for the vote under a DIVISION.

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

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

In the second part Councillors voted on items 3.11 – 3.13

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- 3.11 Requests the CEO to work with Council from the beginning of the 2022/23 financial year to identify options for ongoing cost reductions that would enable Council to consider adopting a rates increase at a level below the rates cap down to a 0% rates increase in financial year 2023/24.
- 3.12 Requests the CEO to bring a report back to Council as soon as possible, detailing the scope and program of work required to implement 3.11, including any additional resources required to undertake this work.
- 3.13 Requests the CEO to bring a report back to Council by the end of November 2022 to enable Council to determine which of the options identified through the process described in 3.12 it will progress for implementation through the 2023/24 budget process, including the level of community engagement required or recommended to inform Council's decision making on the options in the budget process.

Cr Copsey called for the vote under a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Crawford, Cunsolo, Bond, Sirakoff, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Crs Baxter and Copsey

The MOTION was CARRIED

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10:02pm.

Confirmed: 6 July 2022

Chairperson _____