

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council



Monday, 4 May 2020 7.00pm

Special Meeting of Council

Olympia, Hawdon & Ibbott Rooms

Level 4, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

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The Meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people

The Mayor read an acknowledgement of the traditional land owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

PRESENT

Mayor Cr Alison Champion, Cr Rick Garotti, Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr Craig Langdon, Cr Tom Melican.

APOLOGIES

Cr Wayne Phillips.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

1. PERFORMANCE - USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY

6.1 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 (YEAR 4) - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) outlines the strategic direction and priorities for Banyule City Council under the objectives of People, Planet, Place, Participation and Performance. It sets the policy platform for Council and helps guide the services Council provides to the community.

The proposed Plan represents the final year of Council's four year Council Plan 2017-2021, prepared following the Council election in October 2016. It is based on comprehensive consultation with the community, Councillors and staff and is framed through a legislative context. Feedback has helped Council to plan specific key initiatives and priorities for Year 4 of the Council Plan, which encompasses the 2020/21 financial year.

The purpose of this report is:

- To fulfil Council's compliance with sections 125 and 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and hear public submissions to the exhibited proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, 17 June 2020, and consider the public submissions at a Council Meeting on Monday, 6 July 2020
- To provide public notice of Council's intention to consider adopting Banyule's proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) at a Council Meeting on Monday, 27 July 2020.

The Council Plan works together with the Budget to achieve Council's vision for its community of: *'Banyule, a green, sustainable and vibrant place for a healthy, connected and inclusive community'*.

As part of this annual review process, Council has consulted with the community during November 2019 - January 2020 to seek feedback prior to the formal public exhibition process. The community engagement and consultation included an opportunity for community feedback and suggestions on the Council Plan at a range of place based consultations and via the Shaping Banyule online engagement and consultation platform. The proposed Council Plan (Year 4) has also been promoted through Council's public website and *The Banner* newsletter.

The attached proposed Council Plan contains the Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) for Banyule City Council for the next 4 year period. The SRP outlines how Council will manage our financial and non-financial resources, including human resources, over the next four years to achieve our strategic objectives.

All initiatives outlined in the Council Plan are matched by a resource allocation through Council's Annual Budget, either in full or phased over the life of this Plan.

Subject to Council approval, the attached Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) will be made available for the public exhibition period of 7 May to 4 June 2020.

The information provided in the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) is current at the time of its preparation. Council is required to meet all legislative requirements and through this proposed Council Plan aims to best reflect the strategic direction and priorities of Council over the next 12 months, based on information known the time of preparation of the proposed Council Plan.

Subject to Council's endorsement of this report, Officers will write to the Minister for Local

Government to inform him that Council will consider adoption of adjustments to the Council Plan at its meeting on 27 July 2020, noting that this is an extension to the due date of 30 June 2020. This enables annual review of the Council Plan to integrate closely with the Budget and SRP review processes.

Council previously adopted the Council Meeting cycle on the 26 August 2019, this included Special Council Meetings for the consideration of Budget & Council Plan Submissions on 28 May 2020 and consideration of Budget & Council Plan 25 June 2020.

With the impacts of COVID-19, the timelines for the Budget and Council Plan have been extended. The scheduled Special Meetings for 18 May 2020 and 25 June 2020 need to be cancelled and a new Special Council Meeting be set for Wednesday 17 June 2020 for the hearing of Submissions for the Council Plan and Budget.

With the COVID-19 pandemic creating uncertainty and changing day by day, the proposed Council Plan is likely to require updates as a result for the need to support external and internal influences, occurring between now and the consideration by Council to adopt the proposed Council Plan.

Council is proud of the way they and the community are responding to the COVID-19 crisis, galvanising to support one another through these challenging times. To provide targeted support to those most affected by the pandemic, Council is rolling out a \$10.5 million Economic Support Package to help ratepayers, residents, community groups and businesses. The package aims to protect staff health and wellbeing; minimise Council service disruption; maintain financial sustainability; support the local community; and support the local economy. Council will continue to adapt its services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and do all it can to provide support to the community as the virus impacts our way of life.

Resolution SC2020/2

That

1. The attached Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) prepared by Council for the purposes of Sections 125 and 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989* be endorsed.
2. Public Notice of the preparation of the attached Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) be placed on Council's website and in The Age newspaper to appear Wednesday, 6 May 2020.
3. Copies of the proposed Plan be made publicly available.
4. The Special Council Meetings scheduled for 28 May and 25 June 2020 relating to the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) and Budget 2020/2021 processes be cancelled.
5. Council set a Special Meeting to be held Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 7.00pm, for the hearing of Council Plan and Budget Submissions.
6. Council receive submissions with regard to the Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) until the close of business on Thursday, 4 June 2020.
7. In accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, submissions will be heard at the Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.
8. In accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, submissions will be considered at the Council Meeting on Monday, 6 July 2020.

9. Council consider the adoption of the Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4) in accordance with Sections 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; at the Council Meeting on Monday, 27 July 2020.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

6.2 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET 2020/2021 - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's proposed Budget 2020/21 matches the strategic intent and direction of Banyule City Council over the life of the Proposed Council Plan and responds to the need to resource community priorities for Banyule, including supporting and protecting local communities during these unprecedented times. To do this successfully Council has allocated \$10.5 million of funds within this Budget to support individuals and business throughout the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Budget will ensure Council's finances remain sustainable and that appropriate resources are allocated to meet the services and capital requirements of the City.

The information provided in the proposed Budget 2020/21 is current at the time of its preparation. Council are required to meet all legislative requirements and through this proposed Budget 2020/21 aims to best reflect the most likely financial performance and position of Council in the years ahead.

The Minister for Local Government has announced an extension for 2020/21 Council budgets until 31 August. Councils are usually required to adopt their budgets by 30 June. This change has provided Council the time to consider how to best change the budget to support Banyule residents and businesses.

The objectives intended via this report are to give notice of:

- 1) The preparation of Council's Budget for 2020/21 for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.
- 2) The opportunity for additional formal feedback and to hear all public submissions on the Proposed Budget 2020/21 at a Special Council meeting on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.
- 3) The opportunity for Council to consider all public submissions on the Proposed Budget 2020/21 at a Council meeting on Monday, 6 July 2020.
- 4) Council's intention to consider adopting Banyule's Budget for 2020/21 (in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 1989*) at a Council Meeting on Monday, 27 July 2020.

Resolution SC2020/3

That:

1. The Proposed Budget 2020/21 be the proposed Budget prepared by Council for the purposes of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Council:
 - (a) Gives public notice for the preparation of such budget in accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - (b) Makes available for public inspection the information required to be made available in accordance with *the Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.
 - (c) In accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, calls for and receives submissions to the Proposed Budget 2020/21 from the public, in writing, until Thursday, 4 June 2020, at 5:00pm.
3. Council to hear any submissions regarding the Proposed Budget 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 127, 129 or 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*, at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.
4. Council to consider all submissions regarding the Proposed Budget 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 127, 129 or 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*, at a Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 6 July 2020.
5. Council consider the adoption of the Proposed Budget 2020/21 at a Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 27 July 2020 (including the declaration of differential rates and charges, required interest to be paid on rates and charges not paid by the due date and the Schedule of Fees and Charges) in accordance with Sections 127 or 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Craig Langdon

CARRIED

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting was closed at 7.28pm.

DATED:..... DAY OF 2020

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CHAIRPERSON