



The Barossa Council

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 commencing at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa

1.1 WELCOME

Mayor Bim Lange declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

1.2 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs Leonie Boothby, John Angas, Tony Hurn, David Haebich, Dave de Vries, Don Barrett, Cathy Troup and Carla Wiese-Smith, Richard Miller, Kathryn Schilling.

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cr Russell Johnstone

MOVED Cr Hurn that Council:
Receive and accept Cr Johnstone's apology.

Seconded Cr de Vries

CARRIED 2018-22/51

Cr Richard Miller entered the meeting at 6.31pm.

2.1 DEBATE AGENDA – EXECUTIVE SERVICES - FINANCE

2.1.1

ASSESSMENT AND DETERMINATION OF NEW INITIATIVES TO BE ASSESSED BY COUNCIL AS PART OF BUDGET DELIBERATIONS FOR THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

MOVED Cr de Vries that Council being satisfied that a period of suspension of formal meeting procedures will assist in exploring the new initiatives, suspends formal meeting procedures to facilitate general discussion of the new initiatives and that formal meeting procedures shall commence once all informal feedback from members has ceased.

Seconded Cr Wiese-Smith

CARRIED 2018-22/52

Suspension of formal meeting procedures started at 6.32pm.

Council members discussed the new initiatives assessment and their merit and posed questions to staff.

Budget 2020/21 - New Initiatives (NI)						
No	New Initiative Name	Corporate Management Team (CMT) Comments 3/3/20	Due Diligence Report (DDR) Assess	Directorate	Op/Cap	Amount
1	Landcare, road reserve, heritage site assistance (NI from 19/20 budget)	Low priority	Yes	DES	Operating	30,000
2	Mt Pleasant - Project Informed Tourist information - touchpad system	Take from reserve - Mt Pleasant Christmas Parade Reserve \$6,649 - balance from Mt Pleasant Hall Reserve	Yes	CCS	Operating	8,330
3	Team Leader Environmental Services	Refer also to Item 1 Council consideration for environmental initiatives	Yes	DES	Operating	45,000
4	Waste Management Officer	Funded from Refuse Collection Reserve	Yes	DES	Operating	12,000
5	Talunga Park - Drainage to Show Hall, Sheep Pavilion and Atrium	Need more information	Yes	WES	Operating	
6	Dial Before You Dig (DBYD)	Review ongoing costs	Yes	WES	Operating	20,500
7	Upgrading, kerbing and sealing of Bushman Street, Tanunda	Yes - based on data assessment is next priority	Yes	WES	Capital	82,000
8	Upgrading, kerbing and sealing of Short Row, Angaston	Yes - based on data assessment is next priority	Yes	WES	Capital	46,343
9	Replace guard rails on Mengler Hill Road	Yes - safety issue	Yes	WES	Capital	110,000
10	Barossa Bushgardens Nursery Drainage	Assess staged approach Stage 1 - remove pooled water	Yes	DES	Operating	50,000
11	Planning, Development and Infrastructure (PDI) Act / Planning Code - Staff Resourcing	A risk assessment has been undertaken to determine the workload resourcing needs within the team	Yes	DES	Operating	150,000
12	Agenda Management Solution	Yes delivers significant efficiencies with a conservative return of 2.88 on the 10 year investment. Address risk. Is a change program item being brought forward.	Yes	EXEC	Operating	46,120
13	Footpath Maintenance/Repair Budget Increase	Want to see a list, would prefer to invest in capital program which will over time address the maintenance back log	Yes	WES	Operating	200,000
14	Saleyard Road Mt Pleasant - Kerb Replacement and Footpath Upgrade		Yes	WES	Capital	134,210
15	Barossa Visitor Information Centre Carpark Upgrade	Review amount when design is completed	Yes	WES	Capital	480,000
16	CWMS Operations resource	To be paid for from CWMS reserve / service charge or savings from contractors including all oncosts etc.	Yes	WES	Operating	80,000
17	Customer Support Team Resourcing		Yes	CCS	Operating	36,450
18	Town Entry Statements/Signage		Yes	CCS	Capital	60,000
19	MacDonnell Street, Tanunda - Street upgrade, surface, kerbing, removal of dead trees etc. (NI from 19/20 budget)		Yes	WES	Capital	500,000
20	Talunga Park Oval (Mt. Pleasant) - Oval Lighting - Scoping report regarding the safety of the oval lights and the full extent of their use within the community		Yes	CCS	Capital	TBD
21	Storage shed for Flood Wall materials	Lower priority - perhaps opportunity to store at NCPA. Review other locations/rental options	Pending	WES	Capital	30,000
22	Strategic Plan Reviews and Change Program	May be able to do within existing allocations	Pending	EXEC	Operating	50,000
23	Tanunda Main Street - Planter Boxes and Courtyard adjacent Valley Hotel	Already been informed this does not form part of Tanunda plan, no engagement with Tanunda Business Group	No	WES	Operating	10,000
24	Williamstown Historical Society - Split System Air Conditioner for History Room	Not previously justified. Environmental control of material inadequate - may need to be stored under State Records Act	No	CCS	Operating	7,000
25	Mt Pleasant Progress Association - Administration Fees	Was meant to be a once off commitment - assume its \$7,000 not \$21,000	No	CCS	Operating	21,000

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26	Re-Open Moculta Stand Pipe	Linked to Carla's below - we are not a water organisation this is cost shifting. If we were to reopen and place additional services it should be linked to electronic payment stations. Recent advice from CFS has outlined it does not require such services in the Eden Valley area - further locations would need to be checked with CFS. Refer also Item 46	No	WES	Operating	
27	Park - Corner Atze Parade and Benney Street, Nuriootpa	Not a priority and will be well over \$30000 at least \$100k+. Irrigation alone will take \$30k. Refer also Item 45	No	WES	Capital	30,000
28	Moculta Recreation Park - Bushfire Last Resort	Not a New Initiative Follow up with CFS	No	CCS	Operating	
29	Lyndoch Village Green - SA Water Drinking Fountain	Low value do from maintenance - this year Quarter 3 budget adjustment From Lyndoch and Districts Community Committee Reserve	No	WES	Operating	1,300
30	DES Office redesign for new work stations	Low value do from building budget - this year - budget adjustment Quarter 3	No	DES	Operating	4,500
31	Kokoda Road, Nuriootpa, kerb and gutter	Not current budget priority	No	WES	Capital	130,000
32	Community Assistance Scheme/Heritage Grants - Increased Budget	We do not get this level of application and there are two years that Council will fund additional \$75k into the program from the electricity refund - revisit in two years. Review programs	No	CCS	Operating	64,400
33	Bridge to Herbig Tree - pedestrian and cyclist access from Springton south to the Herbig Tree, the Lavender Trail and beyond	Low value low risk	No	WES	Capital	
34	Moculta Hall Water Fountain	Low value do from maintenance this year Take from Reserve - Quarter 3 budget adjustment	No	CCS	Operating	1,300
35	Seal Altmann Road, Moculta	Not on current priority road list	No	WES	Capital	
36	Angas Recreation Park - Veranda - Playground BBQ	Part of Big Project prioritisation do not proceed	No	CCS	Operating	15,000
37	Angas Recreation Park - Upgrade Existing Toilet	Part of Big Project prioritisation do not proceed	No	CCS	Operating	25,000
38	Angas Recreation Park - Playground Shade Sail	Part of Big Project prioritisation do not proceed	No	CCS	Operating	15,000
39	Acceleration of Aboriginal social inclusion engagement work	Further planning and engagement required	No	CCS	Operating	57,084
40	Nuriootpa Centennial Park - Astra Turf Soccer pitch	Already part of Big Project prioritisation Requires appropriate grant funding opportunities	No	CCS	Capital	1,100,000
41	Mt. Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall - Disability Access Ramps to front of hall	Review priorities through DAIP Advisory Group Minimum DDA requirements are being met	No	CCS	Capital	TBD
42	Sealing Gottwald/Gower Road	Based on data assessment is not a current priority. Recent road audit done on the road after motorcycle road accident.	No	WES	Capital	NA
43	Management of Little Corellas	Put in the base budget - no NI required	Base budget	DES	Operating	7,500
44	Cat management	Put in the base budget - no NI required	Base budget	DES	Operating	3,000
45	Park - Cnr. Atze Parade and Benney Street, Nuriootpa	Duplicate - refer Item 27	Refer Item 27	WES	Capital	30,000
46	A fire ready Barossa - Installation of water tanks at select public sites to provide more access to water in the event of a bushfire emergency	Linked to Carla's above - we are not a water organisation this is cost shifting. If we were to reopen and place additional services it should be linked to electronic payment stations. Recent advice from CFS has outlined it does not require such services in the Eden Valley area - further locations would need to be checked with CFS.	Refer item 26	EXEC	Capital	TBD
						3,693,037
Directorates:						
CCS	Corporate and Community Services				Operating	960,484
DES	Development and Environmental Services				Capital	2,732,553
EXEC	Executive Services					3,693,037
WES	Works and Engineering					

Suspension of formal meeting procedures concluded when questions and general discussion ceased at 7.17pm after the Mayor sought any final questions and comments.

MOVED Cr de Vries that Council:

1. Endorse the following new initiatives as being those that will proceed to full assessment under the Budget and Business Plan Review Policy and Prudential Management Policy 1- 20 with the addition of new initiatives 31, 41, 46, sealing of Neldner Road and lobbying SA Water to open the standpipe in Moculta; and
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to inform other applicants that their new initiatives not included part 1 of this resolution 2 are not proceeding.

Seconded Cr Miller

CARRIED 2018-22/53

PURPOSE

To instruct officers which new initiatives Council wishes to proceed to full due diligence report assessment for the preparation of the draft 2020/21 Annual Budget and Business Plan (AB&BP) as required by Policy.

REPORT

New initiatives are any proposed new, removal, increase or decrease of a Council service/program.

All new projects and capital works programs will be evaluated in terms of meeting Council's strategic directions including the Prudential Management Policy requirements.

The Mayor has called a special meeting to review the new initiatives. Learnings from the recent report by the ICAC into the City of Playford demonstrated a need to undertake such discussions in a formal meeting rather than a workshop environment.

It is also suggested, so that members can explore the items, ask questions and add or remove items from the final determination, that meeting procedures be suspended.

Council are asked to outline which new initiatives shall proceed to the next stage of assessment a due diligence report.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Budget 2020/21 – New Initiatives Summary

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage



Community and Culture



Infrastructure



Health and Wellbeing



Business and Employment



How We Work – Good Governance

All

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Long Term financial budgeting involves developing a detailed framework for Council's proposed services, programs, New Initiatives and outcomes for the relevant financial year and forecasting this over a ten year plan with appropriate controls and financial indicators to check financial sustainability. It involves decision-making on how, who and when throughout the various stages of the process.

The Budget and Business Plan Review Policy states that the preparation of the AB&BP requires numerous processes including new initiative assessment and approval.

Prudential Management Policy has three objectives:

1. to ensure that a Council Project is undertaken only after an appropriate level of Due Diligence is applied to a proposed Project;
2. to support contemporary project management processes; and
3. to ensure that relevant Council Projects are:
 - planned for prior to approval and implementation;
 - that identified risks are managed or accepted; and
 - monitored during implementation and evaluated after completion, to achieve identified public benefits or needs; and to minimise financial and Operational risks.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act once a draft budget and business plan have been developed, which is scheduled for late May 2020.

3. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday day 17 March 2020 at 9.00am.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 7.27pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 17 March 2020

Date:.....

Mayor:.....