

Moreland City Council

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

I, Peter Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the Moreland City Council call a Special Meeting of the Moreland City Council to be held at the:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORELAND CIVIC CENTRE, 90 BELL STREET, COBURG

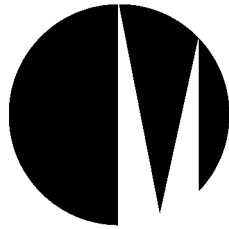
ON THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING 6 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF ANY COUNCILLOR**
- 3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
 - Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of 2009-2013 Council Plan**
 - Consideration of Submissions of 2009-2010 Budget**
- 4. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

Peter Brown
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date of Issue: 17 June 2009



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CEO22 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE 2009-2013 COUNCIL PLAN (D09/99995)

Chief Executive Officer

Corporate Performance & Improvement

Executive Summary

Under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* a person has a right to make a submission and be heard in support of their written submission with regard to the proposed 2009-2013 Council Plan. No submissions were received.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To note that no submissions were received in relation to the proposed 2009-2013 Council Plan.
2. To adopt the 2009-2013 Council Plan as annexed to the Minutes and initialled by the Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos for identification purposes, for submission to the Minister for Local Government by 30 June 2009.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos to finalise the 2009-2013 Council Plan, including any necessary non-substantive changes and distribute the 2009-2013 Council Plan broadly to the community and staff.

1. Policy Context

The 2009-2013 Council Plan key strategic objectives have been derived from the priorities outlined in the Mayor's Speech 2008 and outcomes of the Council Planning Workshop.

Council is required under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to hear and consider submissions on the proposed 2009-2013 Council Plan (Attachment 1).

2. Background

On 13 May 2009 (CEO11), Council resolved to receive the 2009-2013 proposed Council Plan for public comment in accordance with legislative requirements of the Act. Council also resolved to consider any submissions received under section 223 of the Act at a Special Council meeting to be held on 25 June 2009.

A public notice was placed in the *Moreland Leader* newspaper on Monday 11 May 2009 giving advice of the required statutory details of the proposed 2009-2013 Council Plan as well as inviting submissions to be received by 5pm on Friday 12 June 2009.

The public notice also advised that submissions would be heard at a Special Council meeting to be held on 25 June 2009.

The 2009-2013 proposed Council Plan has been on public display at the three Citizens Service Centres and the five Council Libraries in accordance with the requirements of the Act for the required 28 day statutory period.

As required by the Act, Council must now accept the 2009-2013 Council Plan and submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government by 30 June 2009. The 2009-2013 Council Plan must include the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next four years, strategic indicators for monitoring the achievements of the objectives and a Strategic Resource Plan.

3. Issues

At the close of business 5pm on Friday 12 June 2009 no submissions had been received in relation to the proposed Council Plan 2009-2013.

The 2009-2013 Council Plan contains Council's key priorities for the Moreland community and includes objectives, strategies and indicators designed to achieve Council's vision.

4. Consultation

Development of the 2009-2013 Council Plan is the result of an extensive planning process involving Councillors, community and staff. The 2009-2013 proposed Council Plan has been made available for inspection at the three Citizens Service Centres and the five Council Libraries and a copy placed on our public website in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The 2009-2013 proposed Council Plan will be delivered in accordance with the budget outlined in Council's 5 Year Financial Plan.

DCS17 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED 2009/2010 BUDGET (D09/100477)

Acting Director Corporate Services

Finance and Business Systems

Executive Summary

On 13 May 2009, Council resolved to propose the 2009/2010 Budget. A public notice was published in *The Age* newspaper on 16 May 2009. Twenty-eight submissions were received prior to the close of the statutory consultation process.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To receive and note the submissions in response to the public advertisement of the proposed 2009-2010 Budget.
2. That a report including an assessment of, and responses to, matters raised by the submitters be presented to the Council meeting on 8 July 2009.
3. To formally consider the adoption of the Council Budget for 2009/2010 at the Council meeting on 8 July 2009.

REPORT

1. Policy Context

Council is required under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to hold a Special Council meeting to hear submissions on the budget.

2. Background

On 13 May 2009 Council resolved that the proposed 2009/2010 Moreland City Council Budget be put on public display in accordance with legislative requirements of the Act.

A public notice was placed in The Age newspaper on 16 May 2009 advising all of the required statutory details of the proposed 2009/2010 Budget as well as inviting submissions by 5pm Sunday 14 June 2009. The notice also advised that the meeting for hearing of submissions would be held on Thursday 25 June 2009 at the Municipal Offices, Bell Street, Coburg. The budget documents have been on public display at Council offices, Council libraries and on the Council website.

Council expects to be in a position to adopt the 2009/2010 Budget at the Council meeting on Wednesday 8 July 2009.

3. Issues

Twenty-eight submissions were received by the close of the submission period. The submissions are listed below and include the name of the person making the submission, the subject of their submission and whether they have requested to speak at the Special Council meeting called to consider the submission. Copies of the submissions are contained in **Attachment 1**.

Jason King; Daryl Cloonan

Positive feedback and gratitude to Council on their decision to impose increased rates at gambling venues.

Request to speak not stated.

David Butler; Jayn Lindholm; Alisa Bunbury; Clare and Peter Averill; Matthew Frederiksen; Dr Caroline Cook; Phil Collins; Sarah Greenwood-Smith

Support the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure.

Request to speak not stated.

Anna Stempel (Convenor, Moreland Bicycle Users Group)

Supports the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure.

Has requested to speak.

Christopher Anderson

Supports the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure and urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Request to speak not stated.

Pamela Lloyd

Supports Council's decision to impose increased rates at gambling venues and suggests that the rate rise should remain at 6.5% and not be reduced to 4.5%.

Request to speak not stated.

Dr Heather Fehring and Mr Michael Adler; Dana Fleming

Urge Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Request to speak not stated.

Brent Masters

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Deborah Ward

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Robyn Lansdowne

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Jennie Bremner (Convenor, Methven Park Support Group in Brunswick)

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Matt Mulcahy

Urges Council to increase rates by a minimum of 6.5% in order to maintain basic community infrastructure and services.

Request to speak not stated.

Stephen Luntz

Urges Council to support a rate increase that will allow service quality to be maintained.

Request to speak not stated.

Judy Evans

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Patrick Alilovic

Suggests that a rate increase of 4.5% is 1% below what it ought to be in order to maintain the capital works program. Seeks clarification on how many commercial gambling operators are affected by the proposed differential rate, why non-commercial facilities such as RSL clubs are not being affected and why different cashflow dollars from operating activities have been quoted.

Has requested to speak.

Ross McGravie

Urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

Has requested to speak.

Ross Blair-Holt (Director and Chief Operating Officer ALH Group)

Rejects Council's proposal to charge a differential rate on its commercial gaming venues.

Has requested to speak.

Dr Alice de Jonge

Urges Council to increase rates by more than the proposed amount so that services for the local community can be improved. Seeks clarification on how many commercial gambling operators are affected by the proposed differential rate, why non-commercial facilities such as RSL clubs are not being affected and why different cashflow dollars from operating activities have been quoted.

Request to speak not stated.

Stuart Steele (Drums Hotel Pty Ltd); Paddy O'Sullivan (General Manager Public Affairs - Australian Hotels & Hospitality Association Inc)

Urge Council to discontinue the plan to charge a differential rate on its commercial gaming venues.

Request to speak not stated.

4. Consultation

The proposed 2009/2010 Budget has been made available at Council offices, libraries and on the website as part of the statutory consultation process.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The first group of submissions (two in total), have given positive feedback to Council on their decision to impose increased rates at gambling venues.

The second group of submissions (eight in total) have supported the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure.

The third submission from the Moreland Bicycle Users Group has supported the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure.

The fourth submission has supported the increased allocation of funding for cycling infrastructure and urges Council to allocate funding to enable the historic elms of Methven Park to be protected.

The fifth submission supports Council's decision to impose increased rates at gambling venues and suggests that the rate rise should remain at 6.5% and not be reduced to 4.5%.

The sixth through to the tenth submission (six in total), request that funding be allocated for the protection of the historic elms in Methven Park.

The eleventh submission is urging Council to increase rates by a minimum of 6.5% in order to maintain basic community infrastructure and services.

The twelfth submission urges Council to support a rate increase that will allow service quality to be maintained.

The thirteenth submission urges Council to allocate funding for the protection of the historic elms in Methven Park.

The fourteenth submission suggests that a rate increase of 4.5% is 1% below what it ought to be in order to maintain the capital works program. Clarification is also being sought on how many commercial gambling operators are affected by the proposed differential rate, why non-commercial facilities such as RSL clubs are not being affected and why different cashflow dollars from operating activities have been quoted.

The fifteenth submission urges Council to allocate funding for the protection of the historic elms in Methven Park.

The sixteenth submission rejects Council's proposal to charge a differential rate on its commercial gaming venues.

The seventeenth submission urges Council to increase rates by more than the proposed amount so that services for the local community can be improved. Clarification is also being sought on how many commercial gambling operators are affected by the proposed differential rate, why non-commercial facilities such as RSL clubs are not being affected and why different cashflow dollars from operating activities have been quoted.

The eighteenth group of submissions (two in total), urge Council to discontinue the plan to charge a differential rate on its commercial gaming venues.

