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## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2011- 2012 BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

Council has adopted its 2011-2012 Business Plan and the Budget required to fund it. The process began in February when we set revenue and expenditure targets to guide the Administration in drafting a balanced budget that would fund our priorities for the coming year which is the last year of our 2008 - 2012 Strategic Plan.

This Budget provides for a **total expenditure of \$224.755m** (\$210.364m 10/11) with total funding from sources, other than rates, of **\$142.353m** (\$132,126m 10/11) and a total amount raised by **general rates of \$79,291m** (\$75,314m 10/11) plus loans of **\$54.415m** (\$11,090m 10/11) to be borrowed for the purpose of funding the budget, including carry forwards and savings from 10/11 of **\$18.883m** and roll-over borrowings of **\$3.0 m**. Key components of the budget are summarised below:

**Rates** - for 2011/2012, differential general rates have been set at 2% above the LGCPI-adjusted 2010/2011 level (total 5.3%) namely **0.11847** (0.11615 10/11) cents in the dollar for **residential property** raising c\$17m and **0.13702** cents in the dollar (0.13433 10/11) for **all other rateable** land uses, raising c\$63m. This is the first time rates have been increased in real terms for many years. An amount equivalent to **1% of the rates** will again be put towards **Climate Change Action Initiatives** to implement Council's CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral Action Plan and other climate change initiatives. This is funded from within the Budget.

**Concessions** - Council will continue to administer the State Government funded Concession available to eligible Pensioners, Self Funded Retirees and those receiving low income benefits. In addition, Council will continue to offer a discretionary **Council-funded remission of rates to eligible ratepayers**: ■ Pensioners (max.\$100), ■ Self Funded Retirees (max.of \$50), and ■ low income beneficiaries (max.\$100). **The Residential Rate Rebate** has been continued but at a \$25 reduced amount.

## Capital Works Program

The Total Capital Works Program for 2010-11 is **\$100,386m** and includes ■ **Strategic Property Portfolio \$27.4m** (\$7.846m) ■ **Strategic Enhancement \$18.539m** (\$14.79m) ■ **Assessment Management Renewal Programs total \$21.585m** (\$20.840m) including ■ **Transportation** (roads and footpaths etc) **\$6.335m** (\$5.245m) ■ **Lighting and Electrical \$1.65m** (\$1.795) ■ **Drainage and Waterways \$0.650** (\$0.689m) ■ **Park Lands \$1.220m** (\$1.145m) ■ **Urban Elements \$0.980m** (\$0.896m) ■ **Property \$5.540m** (\$5.88m) ■ **Plant & Equipment \$2.100m** (\$2.590m) and ■ **IT Corporate Systems \$2.785m** (\$2.599m) plus Initiation and Data Collection Program **\$0.325m** and Capital Works Program Management **\$5.005m**

This is Council's **biggest-ever capital works program** and will deliver major improvements to all sectors of the city including Rundle Mall Master Plan - Stage 1, Rundle St footpaths, provision for Victoria Square, laneway activation, Park Lands improvements, Sturt St affordable housing, Victoria Park, public art, disability upgrades and work on a new Events Space.

## PEOPLE-FRIENDLY STREETS

Streets are arguably the most important element of our cities. As soon as we embark on a journey we engage with the streets either as a pedestrian, cyclist, motorist or as a user of public transport. Every journey we make should be an enjoyable experience but some streets can be threatening, impersonal and uninviting places while others can be safe, welcoming and enjoyable places. Council is investing a considerable effort into making our public places and the streets which connect them into more attractive places with streetscapes that encourage more variety and vitality, places that are designed for people and for social interaction, more trees for shade and above all a proper balance of traffic with human needs.

**At the end of every journey, we all become a pedestrian and then we engage with the life and activities of the city.**

By way of example (and there are many others) the Hutt Street precinct likes to think of itself as a 'village' and yet for much of the day Hutt Street carries fast-moving traffic on its way to 'somewhere else' The street, which should be a unifying element of the village, has become a dividing element with eastern and western communities. As a pedestrian (shopper) you are treated as a nuisance, allowed just a few seconds to cross the road (and only if you push the button in time) compared to endless streams of noisy, polluting traffic. Even local motorists wanting to move east/west have to patiently wait for fleeting breaks in the through traffic. All this is killing any vestiges of the village atmosphere. City-bound traffic should be directed to Pulteney St and King William St and pedestrians should be given greater priority in the **Village of Hutt** (and other places!) **It is time we better managed arterial traffic in the city and reclaimed our streets for people and their communities.**

## INVITATION TO NOMINATE FOR CIVIC TRUST AWARDS

The Australian Civic Trust Awards & Brickbats program for 2011 is now open and you are cordially invited to participate. Details can be found at the Civic Trust website <http://www.civictrust.net.au/page13.htm>

The Civic Trust awards focus on the civic impact of projects. The aim is to identify civic enhancements in a wide range of forms. This year the Trust is encouraging nominators to choose their own category as a guide for the jury and describe in their own words how they believe their projects contribute to the civic environment.



**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – Meeting held 20 June (next meeting 4 July (tentative))**

**2. Non-Complying Applications**

- 2.1 It was agreed to **Proceed with assessment** of an application to construct 2 storey house at **125-135 McKinnon Pde, North Adelaide** (DA/254/2010)
- 2.2 & 2.3 It was agreed to **Not Proceed with assessment** of applications for developments at **217-219 East Terrace** (demolish existing and build 4 storey, 8 apartments) (DA/312/2011) and **193 Halifax St** (alterations and change of use from dwelling to office) (DA/219/2011)
- 2.4 Development Plan Consent was **granted** for a 3 storey building at the corner of **Hutt St and South Tce** for use as medical rooms and grnd flr café with grnd flr and basement car parking. ►►



**3. Applications for consideration on Merit**

- 3.1 **22 Little Archer Street NA-** DPC was **granted** for alterations and additions to existing dwelling. (DA/118/2011)
- 3.2 **23 Ada Street** – DPC was **granted** for alterations and construction of second level to existing dwelling (DA/158/2011)
- 3.3 **422 Gilles Street** – DPC was granted to demolish existing and build 2 s/detached 2 storey dwellings (DA/233/2011)
- 3.4 **22-24 Hume Street** – DPC was **refused** to construct 2 two storey attached dwellings on vacant land (DA/199/2011)
- 3.5 **68 Strangways Tce NA** – DPC was **granted** to construct 2<sup>nd</sup> storey addition above existing garage. (DA/255/2011)
- 3.6 **12A Ada Street** – DPC was **granted** to install privacy screen at the rear of the property and new gates (DA/909/2010)
- 3.7 **Tenancy 3/19 Grenfell St** – DPC was **granted** to install ATM to shop front on the eastern elevation (DA/223/2011)

**5. Other Applications**

- ERD Court **Compromise Proposals** for ▪ land at **8-10 Union St** (DA773/2010) ▪ **192-200 Pulteney St** (DA946/2010) ▪ **40 Tynte St NA** (DA386/2009) were in every case **not supported** by the Panel.(all contrary to staff recommendations)

**ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY - Meeting held on 9 June (next meeting 14 July at 5.00 pm)**

The outcomes of this meeting are recorded at **item 18** in the report of the Council Meeting below.

**COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 28 June (Next Ordinary Meeting 26 July – Committees 5 and 12 July at 5.30)**

**7. Public Forum** Council was addressed by Bill Marles re proposed **Community Environment Centre** in the Grote Business Precinct, Gordon Jenkins re **nightclub in Pulteney St** and Tom Chapman re **Clipper Ship “City of Adelaide”**

**Motions on Notice** were moved by Cllr Llewellyn-Smith on (8) sponsorship of **Saatchi Gallery Exhibition British Art Now** and by Cllr Henningsen on (9) Council representation on the **Australia Day Council** and (10) **Recycling Bin Twinning**.

**10. Questions/Motions without Notice.**

**Items referred by Committees** (NB Not all items are reported) No Questions or Motions without notice were presented.

- **12. Recommendations of the City Design and Character Committee – 7 June** (Chair: Cllr Llewellyn-Smith)
  - 1. Council noted 12 extra items in the Park Lands for **State Heritage** listing and noted demolished Oval stands to be deleted.
  - 2. A report on **Student Accommodation** was adopted and referred to the Council's Development Plan review process
  - 4. Council endorsed **Uni SA proposals** to consolidate its **buildings and construct a new sports pavilion in Park 12**.
  - 5. It was agreed to **alter traffic control devices in Worsnop Avenue** to provide for residential parking.
  - 6. Council adopted proposals for the **Historic Façade Restoration Program** noting that **Rundle Mall** and **Hindley St** will be priority areas for demonstration projects and also noting that Operating Guidelines will now be developed.
  - 8. Scoping proposals were agreed to for an **Adelaide Public Realm Historic Character Conservation Management Plan**.
  - 9. Adoption of **Public Art and Memorials Policy and Operating Guidelines** was deferred for further information.
  - 13. New parking limits in **Beaumont Rd** will mean less all-day parking in the Park Lands. *A small step in the right direction!*
- **13. Recommendations of the City Development and Sustainability Committee – 7 June** (Chair: DLM Plumridge)
  - 1. Council noted the report on agreed extent of **remnant vegetation in Victoria Park** and report on the River Red Gums.
  - 2. Council adopted **Action Plans for Waste Management** (2011-2015) and **Biodiversity and Water Quality** (2011-2016)
- **14. Recommendations of the Community Services, Events and Facilities Committee – 14 June** (Chair: Cllr Clearihan)
  - 1. Council adopted recommendations for Round 1 2011-2012 **Arts and Living Culture Grants Program (Total \$106,885)**
  - 2. Council adopted funding of **Vibrant City Sponsorship** arrangements for 24 activities **(Total \$1,085,035)**
  - 3,4 Concept Plans were endorsed for **Recreation Hubs** at **Bonython Park** and the **N/E Park Lands** (Stage 1: Dog Park)
  - 5 Council adopted recommended recommendations for Round 1 2011-2012 **Recreation and Sports Grants (7 grants Total \$67,000)**.
  - 6. Council adopted recommendations for Round 1 2011/12 **Community Development Grants (17 grants Total \$322,126)**
- **15. Recommendations of the Corporate Planning, Governance and Finance Committee – 14 June** (Chair: Cllr Hamilton)
  - 1. It was agreed to place a commemorative plaque on North Tce in recognition of **Susan Grace Benny** who was Australia's first woman politician, becoming a member of Brighton Council in 1919. She was born in Adelaide in 1872 and died in 1944.
  - 3. Council agreed to new dates & working arrangements for the **Brown Hill & Keswick Creek S/Water Managm<sup>t</sup> Scheme**.
  - 4. Council allocated \$75k for a high-level governance review and capital funding models for its **Rundle Mall Subsidiary**.
  - 9. Recommendations for the finalisation of the **Business Plan and Budget** were adopted at **Items 21-24** below.
  - 10. Council referred a review of its borrowings program to the **Audit Committee** for consideration.

**Items for Council**

- 16. Council endorsed the **2010-2011 End of Year Financial Reporting Process** and proposed Timetable for reporting.
  - 17. The Annual Progress report and **2011-2012 Draft Reconciliation Action Plan** were noted and endorsed by Council.
  - 18. **Adelaide Park Lands Authority** advice on Biodiversity and Water Quality Plans, Victoria Park remnant vegetation, Rymill Park Horticultural Hub with upgrade to Adelaide Bowling Club & APLA 11/12 **Business Plan and Budget** were noted.
  - 22-24 These items dealt with the adoption of the **Budget and Business Plan**, adoption of the **Valuation** and the **Declaration of Rates** and the **Rundle Mall Differential Rate**. See article on the front page of these Notes for budget details.
  - 25 In response to **Grievance Procedures** initiated by Ms Henderson, Council resolved to not review the subject decisions.
  - 27 Council noted to 2008-2011 **Dry Area Evaluation Report** & agreed to request extension of the Dry Area until **31/10/14**.
  - 28 A new **Home & Community Care** Agreement with the State will deliver \$186k funding for services to 250 city residents.
  - 33 Council endorsed its submission on the **Draft Liquor Licensing Bill** including a close down between **3am and 7am**.
- Confidential Items** covered▪ **“Drop-In Housing”** and ▪ **Coglin St Migrant Resource Centre** .