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Report

of the

Special Budget Committee Meeting

held on

Monday, 4 May 2015

at

9:00 am

**Gold Coast City Council Chambers
135 Bundall Road Surfers Paradise**

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KEY:

OCEO - Office of the Chief Executive Officer

CS - Community Services

EDMP - Economic Development & Major Projects

ES - Engineering Services

GCW - Gold Coast Water

OS - Organisational Services

PE - Planning & Environment

ATTENDANCE

Cr T Tate (Chairperson)

Cr D Gates

Cr C Caldwell

Arrived at 10.20am

Cr W Owen-Jones

Cr MJ Grummitt

Cr T Gilmore

Left at 2pm

Cr DM Crichlow

Cr L Bell

Cr R La Castra

Cr G Tozer

Cr P Taylor

Cr JE Grew

Cr GJ Betts

Cr DI McDonald

Cr CL Robbins

Mr DR Dickson

Chief Executive Officer

Mr AJ McCabe

Chief Operating Officer

Mr A Twine

Director City Infrastructure

Ms C McCool

Director Community Services

Mr D Scott

Director Economic Development & Major Projects

Mr P Heaton

Director Gold Coast Water

Mr G Potter

Director Organisational Services

Mrs D Currie

Director Planning & Environment

Mr J Blair

Manager Corporate Finance

APOLOGY / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 1
TOURIST PARKS MARCH 2015 BUDGET REVIEW
FN334/375/16(P1)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION **B15.0504.001**
moved Cr Gates seconded Cr Bell

That Council note budget variations per Attachments 2 and 3 will be included in the March 2015 Budget Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 AND SUPPORTING REGULATIONS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Gates seconded Cr Gilmore

That the Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the consideration of the following item for the reason shown:-

Item	Subject	Reason
2	Gold Coast Waste Management March 2015 Budget Review	Prejudicial Matter

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Gates seconded Cr Gilmore

That the Committee move into Open Session.

CARRIED

Following resumption into Open Session, Item 2 was moved and carried as shown on page 6.

ITEM 2 **WASTE AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**
GOLD COAST WASTE MANAGEMENT MARCH 2015 BUDGET REVIEW
HL323/224/06(P1)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION **B15.0504.002**
moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Tozer

- 1** **That Council approve the increase of \$2.1m to be transferred to the Waste Management Reserve, with total anticipated transfer to Reserve now being \$7.6m for the 2014-15 financial year.**
- 2** **That Council note budget variations per Attachments 2 and 3 will be included in the March 2015 Budget Review.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 3
GOLD COAST WATER 2014-15 MARCH BUDGET REVIEW
FN334/252/15(P6)

GOLD COAST WATER

MOTION

moved Cr Grummitt seconded Cr Bell

- 1 That Council approve the decrease of \$21.4m to be transferred from the Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Reserve, with total anticipated transfer to Reserve now being \$25.8m for the 2014-15 financial year.
- 2 That Council note budget variations per Attachments 2 and 3 will be included in the March 2015 Budget Review.

AMENDMENT

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Tozer

- 1 That Council approve the decrease of \$5.38m to be transferred from the Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Reserve, with total anticipated transfer to Reserve now being \$41.82m for the 2014-15 financial year.
- 2 That Council note amended budget variations per Attachments 2 and 3 will be included in the March 2015 Budget Review.
- 3 That amended taxation returns be completed and submitted to Tax Assessor with adjustments to reserves being made post the receipt of the advice from the Tax Assessor and brought to the next Special Budget Committee.

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED and became the MOTION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

B15.0504.003

- 1 **That Council approve the decrease of \$5.38m to be transferred from the Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Reserve, with total anticipated transfer to Reserve now being \$41.82m for the 2014-15 financial year.**
- 2 **That Council note amended budget variations per Attachments 2 and 3 will be included in the March 2015 Budget Review.**
- 3 **That amended taxation returns be completed and submitted to Tax Assessor with adjustments to reserves being made post the receipt of the advice from the Tax Assessor and brought to the next Special Budget Committee.**

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 AND SUPPORTING REGULATIONS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Betts seconded Cr Bell

That the Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the consideration of the following item for the reason shown:-

Item	Subject	Reason
4	March 2015 Budget Review	Prejudicial Matter

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Betts seconded Cr Gates

That the Committee move into Open Session.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Caldwell

That the Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the consideration of the following item for the reason shown:-

Item	Subject	Reason
4	March 2015 Budget Review	Budgetary Matter

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Caldwell

That the Committee move into Open Session.

CARRIED

Following resumption into Open Session, Item 4 was moved and carried as shown on page 9.

ITEM 4
MARCH 2015 BUDGET REVIEW
FN334/375/16(P1)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Changed Recommendation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION **B15.0504.004**
moved Cr Crichlow seconded Cr Bell

- 1** **That Council adopt the March 2015 Budget Review adjustments presented in this report and Attachment 1, resulting in a budget surplus of \$17,681,972 which is to be quarantined for allocation towards the anticipated budget surplus required to underpin the 2015-16 budget.**

- 2** **That Council approve and adopt the following additional net transfers to reserves totalling \$57,216,255:**
 - a** **\$115,000 to the Centre Improvement Program Reserve;**
 - b** **\$28,874,682 to the Commonwealth Games Reserve;**
 - c** **\$1,511,500 to the Cultural Precinct Reserve;**
 - d** **\$3,077,204 to the Fleet & Plant Renewal and Purchase Reserve;**
 - e** **\$251,067 from the Local Area Works Reserve;**
 - f** **\$3,000,000 to the Parks and Recreation Reserve;**
 - g** **\$2,754,540 to the Property Rationalisation Reserve;**
 - h** **\$3,665,000 to the Roadworks Acquisition Reserve;**
 - i** **\$15,687,000 to the Strategic Priorities Reserve;**
 - j** **\$2,450,359 to the Waste Management Reserve;**
 - k** **\$5,376,003 from the Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Reserve;**
 - l** **\$400,000 from the Events Reserve;**
 - m** **\$2,188,500 to the Gold Coast Investment Fund Reserve; and**
 - n** **\$80,460 from the Hope Island Channel Reserve.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11.02am.
The meeting reconvened at 11.17am.

ITEM 5
TOTAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
LG343/1045/13/01(P1)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MOTION

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Tozer

- 1 That the Total Asset Management Plan be adopted in conjunction with adoption of the 2015-16 annual budget
- 2 That renewal costs in relation to items identified in the Total Asset Management plan be funded wherever possible through the Whole of City budget.

AMENDMENT

moved Cr Gates seconded Cr Bell

- 1 That the Total Asset Management Plan be adopted in conjunction with adoption of the 2015-16 annual budget
- 2 That a report be presented to the Special Budget Committee addressing the proposal that renewal costs for 'Local Divisional Assets' such as local park assets, be funded from Whole of City sources.

The report shall address both the identified expenditure and appropriate funding sources, to be factored into Council's annual 10 year forward projections.

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED and became the MOTION.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

B15.0504.005

- 1 That the Total Asset Management Plan be adopted in conjunction with adoption of the 2015-16 annual budget
- 2 That a report be presented to the Special Budget Committee addressing the proposal that renewal costs for 'Local Divisional Assets' such as local park assets, be funded from Whole of City sources.

The report shall address both the identified expenditure and appropriate funding sources, to be factored into Council's annual 10 year forward projections.

CARRIED BY SUPER MAJORITY

CLOSED SESSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 AND SUPPORTING REGULATIONS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Gates

That the Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the consideration of the following item for the reason shown:-

Item	Subject	Reason
6	Gold Coast Cultural Precinct Stage 1 Funding Update	Budgetary Matter

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Bell

That the Committee move into Open Session.

CARRIED

Following resumption into Open Session, Item 6 was moved and carried as shown on the following pages.

The meeting adjourned at 1.44pm.
The meeting reconvened at 1.55pm.

ITEM 6
GOLD COAST CULTURAL PRECINCT – PROJECT UPDATE
LG235/46/03/03/01(P1)

MAJOR PROJECTS BRANCH
REPORT CONFIDENTIAL

Changed Recommendation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION **B15.0504.006**
moved Cr Owen-Jones seconded Cr Tozer

- 1 That the report/attachment be deemed non-confidential except for those parts deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to remain confidential in accordance with sections 171 (3) and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.
- 2 That Council notes the update report.
- 3 That the outcomes of the review process for the Versatile Outdoor Space - amphitheatre concept is provided to Council as part of the regular quarterly project reporting.
- 4 That Council note the inclusion of the design of the Greenbridge, within the Stage 1 project costs, is to progress design, obtain and address certainty regarding approvals to position the Greenbridge as a 'Shovel Ready' project should construction funding become available.
- 5 That Council endorse the updated Cultural Precinct Stage 1 Funding Plan (Version 2.0 as at May 2015) as detailed in the attached advice, and that Version 3.0 as proposed be tabled and publicly disclosed no later than the adoption of the 2015-16 budget.
- 6 That Council notes a Version 3.0 of the Funding Plan will be submitted in due course, pending the outcome of the National Stronger Regions Grant Funding application.
- 7 That the next quarterly report be brought back to Council in August 2015, including an update on the design development of Stage 1 elements and budget status.
- 8 That budget matters relating to Stage 1 be referred to Special Budget Committee Meetings.
- 9 That copies of the following reports be distributed to Councillors:-
 - a Quantity Surveyors Report by Donald Cant Watts Corke;
 - b Results from community consultation from The Reveal;
 - c Business Plan for Stage 1;
 - d Minutes from the Mayor's Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee;
 - e That the Mayor write to Gold Coast Waterways Authority requesting an update on the ferry utilisation for events to date and prospects for future ferry services to Evandale.
- 10 That Council note that noise mitigation measures will need to be considered in relation to the Outdoor Performance Space.

ITEM 6 (CONTINUED)
GOLD COAST CULTURAL PRECINCT – PROJECT UPDATE
LG235/46/03/03/01(P1)

A division was called.

For	10	Cr Tozer, Cr Robbins, Cr Bell, Cr Caldwell, Cr La Castra, Cr Owen-Jones, Cr Gates, Cr Taylor, Cr Grummitt, Cr Tate
Against	4	Cr Grew, Cr Crichlow, Cr Betts, Cr McDonald
Abstained	0	
Absent	1	Cr Gilmore

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.12pm.

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