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C2506-13 ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025-2026

Amended Officer's Recommendation

To amend part 2.5 and 2.6, and include a new part 4 to the Officer's recommendation, to read as follows:

Council:

1. Notes the submissions received regarding the differential rates which were advertised for 21 days from 17 May 2025 in attachment 1.

2. Council adopts the following:

2.1. Annual budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2026;

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and in accordance with the provisions of Australian Accounting Standards, the Council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in Attachment 2 for the City of Fremantle for the 2025-26 financial year which includes the following:

- **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type showing a net result for that year of (\$943,064).**
- **Statement of Cash Flows, showing cash at end of the year position of \$12,874,941.**
- **Statement of Financial Activity showing an amount required to be raised from general rates of \$58,617,336.**
- **Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget**
- **Capital Budget Program of \$29,176,417 contained in attachment 3.**
- **Transfers to/from Reserve Accounts as per note 9(a) of attachment 2.**

2.2. New Reserve;

Pursuant to Section 6.11(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 create a New Reserve titled "Service Charge reserve –South Fremantle Targeted Underground power" the purpose of which is to fund the delivery of the South Fremantle Targeted underground power project being delivered by Western Power.

2.3. Differential Rates;

Pursuant to Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council impose the following differential general rates and minimum payments on Gross Rental Values for 2025-26 financial year:



DIFFERENTIAL RATE CATEGORY	RATE IN THE \$	MINIMUM PAYMENT
Residential Improved	0.087664	\$1,825
Commercial and Industrial General	0.118877	\$1,825
City Centre Commercial	0.118877	\$1,825
Residential Short-Term Accommodation	0.118835	\$1,825
Vacant Residential Land	0.151417	\$1,770
Vacant Commercial and Industrial	0.175327	\$1,825

2.4. Concessions/waiver;

Pursuant to Section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts to grant rate concessions of \$225,198 to the properties identified and as prescribed in Note 2(f) of the proposed 2025-26 annual budget.

Concessions adopted are capped at \$12,000pa maximum per ratepayer in budget 2025-26.

2.5. Instalments;

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council nominates the following due dates for the payment by instalments:

Option 1 (Full Payment)

Full amount of rates and charges, including arrears, to be paid on or before 05 September 2025 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rate notice, whichever is later.

Option 2 (Two Instalments)

First Instalment to be paid on or before 05 September 2025 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rate notice, whichever is later, including all arrears; and

Second Instalment to be paid on or before 16 January 2026, or 2 months after the due date of the first instalment, whichever is later.

Option 3 (Four Instalments)

First Instalment to be paid on or before 05 September 2025 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rate notice, whichever is later, including all arrears; and

Second Instalment to be paid on or before 14 November 2025, or 2 months after the due date of the first instalment, whichever is later.



Third Instalment to be paid on or before 16 January 2026, or 2 months after the due date of the second instalment, whichever is later.

Fourth Instalment to be paid on or before 20 March 2026, or 2 months after the due date of the third instalment, whichever is later.

**Option 4 Forty (40) weekly instalments (for direct debits only):
Commencing direct debit date – Friday 5 September 2025
Final payment direct debit date – ~~Friday 29 May 2026~~ **Friday 5 June 2026.****

**Option 5 Twenty (20) fortnightly instalments (for direct debits only):
Commencing direct debit date – Friday 5 September 2025
Final payment direct debit date – ~~Friday 5 June 2026~~ **Friday 29 May 2026.****

2.6. Administration Charge;

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an instalment administration charge of \$43.20 fixed for the 4-instalment plan and an instalment administration charge of \$14.40 fixed for the 2-instalment plan where the owner has elected to pay rates and charges through the instalment options; being \$~~13.90~~ **\$14.40 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.**

2.7. Instalment Interest;

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and charges through an instalment option.

2.8. Penalty Interest;

Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates, charges and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable, the rate of interest that may be set by a local government in its 2025-26 annual budget may not exceed 11%.



2.9. Fees and Charges;

Pursuant to Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 and other legislation, Council adopts the Fees and Charges included within Proposed Fees and Charges Schedule for 2025-26 as per attachment 4.

2.10. Elected Members' Fees and Allowances for 2025-26;

Council adopt the following Elected Members' fees and allowances, in accordance with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 4 April 2025:

a) Pursuant to Section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following annual attendance fee for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees:

- Mayor \$53,215
- Deputy Mayor \$35,480
- Councillors \$35,480

b) Pursuant to Section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

- ICT Allowance \$3,500

c) Pursuant to Section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following annual allowance, to be paid in addition to the annual meeting attendance fee:

- Mayor \$100,514

d) Pursuant to Section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following annual allowance, to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance fee:

- Deputy Mayor \$25,128

2.11. Elected Member superannuation contribution payment; Pursuant to Section 5.99B of the Local Government Act 1995, Council notes that Elected Members will receive a superannuation contribution payment in accordance with the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

2.12. Meeting attendance fee for independent committee members for 2025-26; Pursuant to Section 5.100 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following meeting attendance fee (per meeting), as per the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determination dated 4 April 2025:

Independent Committee Member	\$450
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3.0 Material Variance

In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2025-26 for reporting material variances shall be 10% together with minimum value of \$100,000.

4. *Underground Power Service Charge*

Pursuant to section 6.38 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose an Underground Power service charge for the properties identified in the South Fremantle and Fremantle South Underground Power Project boundary as shown in APPENDIX 1 of the Annual Budget 2025-26 (Attachment 1). Property owners will incur either a transmission service charge, connection service charge or both, with the maximum charge for each property being no greater than the charges specified in the table below.

<i>Service Charge Category</i>	<i>Transmission Service Charge Per Property</i>	<i>Connection Service Charge Per Property</i>
<i>Single residential – 7.7 KvA</i>	<i>\$421.40</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Multi Dwelling (2-4 Units) – 6.2 KvA</i>	<i>\$339.31</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Multi Dwelling (5-10 Units) – 4.4 KvA</i>	<i>\$240.80</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Multi Dwelling (10+ Units) – 4 KvA</i>	<i>\$218.91</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Micro/Shop House - GRV under \$50K (Commercial/Industrial)</i>	<i>\$421.40</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Small - GRV \$50K - \$100K (Commercial/Industrial)</i>	<i>\$842.80</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Medium - GRV \$100K - \$1 million (Commercial/Industrial)</i>	<i>\$1,264.20</i>	<i>\$612</i>
<i>Large - GRV over \$1 million (Commercial/Industrial)</i>	<i>\$1,685.60</i>	<i>\$612</i>

Reason for amendment:

As outlined in the Annual Budget 2025/26 (Attachment 1), the South Fremantle and Fremantle South Underground Power Service Charge is included as an additional part 4 in the Officer’s Recommendation.



C2506-19 NOTICE OF MOTION - PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE - CR ADIN LANG

Proposed Amendment by Cr Doug Thompson

To add a part 6 to the Elected Members Motion, to read as follows:

- 6. Request an approach to recognising and/or celebrating significant achievements by Fremantle based or connected clubs and/or sportspeople, be considered within the draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-2030.***

Reasons for amendment:

To ensure all relevant sporting activities are recognised where appropriate.



C2506-20 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENSURING A CULTURALLY VIBRANT CITY - CR BEN LAWVER

Proposed Alternative Motion by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge

Council:

- 1. Request the Chief Executive Officer to facilitate a series of roundtables to hear from music industry, hospitality and property sector stakeholders on regulatory and other opportunities to ensure the ongoing survival of the live music industry alongside infill development in Fremantle.**
- 2. Ensure the findings of the roundtables are incorporated into existing and future planning including, but not limited to:**
 - a. Economic Development Strategy**
 - b. Planning Scheme and Policies review**
 - c. Advocacy Plan**
 - d. Future budget development**

Reason for Alternative Motion:

To tie in with existing City projects that are underway and to enable more action in a more timely manner.



**C2506-21 NOTICE OF MOTION - NORTH WEST SHELF POSITION
STATEMENT - CR JEMIMA WILLIAMSON-WONG**

Proposed Amendment by Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong

To amend the Elected Member's Motion, to read as follows:

Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the Fremantle community's continued advocacy ~~on~~ for strong *and urgent* climate action.**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer write to the relevant Government Departments and Members of Parliament ~~listed below~~ to:**
 - a. Promote the concerns of the community of Fremantle *about continued fossil fuel expansion and inadequate climate action; and***
 - b. *Express the Council's disappointment in regarding the progressing of approvals to extend the taking of gas from the Browse Basin and for a operation of the North West Shelf processing plant to 2070, which will create an additional 4 billion tonnes of climate emissions over its lifetime and poses a threat to the world's oldest rock art at Murujuga;***
 - c. *To express extreme concern about the potential approval of gas extraction from the Browse Basin given it will contribute to 1.6 billion tonnes of carbon emissions, and the significant risk it poses to the ecologically important Scotts Reef and its endangered species; and***
- 3. *Request that the letter is sent to the following Government Departments and Members of Parliament:***
 - a. *Secretary for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW);***
 - b. *Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for the Environment and Water for Australia;***
 - c. *Hon Josh Wilson MP, Member for Fremantle and Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy;***
 - d. *Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister; and***
 - e. *Director General for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER);***
 - f. *Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier of WA;***
 - g. *Hon Matthew Swinbourne MLC, Minister for the Environment,***
 - h. *Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Member for Fremantle and Minister for Heritage; and***



i. Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation.

Reason for amendment:

To provide clarity on the intent of the Motion.



**C2506-21 NOTICE OF MOTION - NORTH WEST SHELF POSITION
STATEMENT – MAYOR HANNAH FITZHARDINGE**

Proposed Amendment by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge

To include a new sub part to the Elected Member’s Motion, to read as follows:

Encourage urgent action to accelerate the decarbonisation of WA and Australia’s economy in line with the objective of meeting Net Zero by 2050 or before.

Reason for amendment:

To encourage urgent action to accelerate the decarbonisation of WA and Australia’s economy in line with the objective of meeting Net Zero by 2050 or before.