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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
2023/CM06
Wednesday 10 May 2023
commencing at 6.30pm



THE COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome to this Meeting of the Frankston City Council

The Council appreciates residents, ratepayers and other visitors taking their places in the Public Gallery, as attendance demonstrates an interest in your Council and community affairs. Community spirit is encouraged.

This information sheet is designed to help you to understand the procedures of Council and help you to gain maximum value from your attendance.

The law regarding the conduct of Council meetings enables the public to observe the session. However, to ensure the manageability of Council meetings, opportunities for public participation are limited to Question Time and registered submissions in accordance with Council's guidelines, which are available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au. It is not possible for any visitor to participate in any Council debate unless specifically requested by the Chairperson to do so.

If you would like to have contact with Councillors or Officers, arrangements can be made for you to do so separately to the meeting. Call the Councillors Office on 9768 1632 and ask for the person you would like to meet with, to arrange a time of mutual convenience.

When are they held?

Generally speaking, the Council meets formally every three (3) weeks on a Monday and meetings start at 7.00 pm, unless advertised otherwise. This Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Frankston Civic Centre, 30 Davey Street (entry via Young Street). Livestream footage can be viewed via our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Council meeting dates are posted at Young Street entrance to the Civic Centre (upper level) and also on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

<u>Frankston City Council Governance Rules (adopted 31 August 2020 and amended 5 September 2022)</u>

25. Chair's Duty

Any motion which is determined by the *Chair* to be:

- defamatory of or embarrassing to any Councillor, member of Council staff or other person;
- 25.2 abusive or objectionable in language or nature;
- 25.3 a direct negative of the question before the Chair;
- 25.4 vague or unclear in intention;
- 25.5 outside the powers of Council; or
- 25.6 irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and has not been admitted as

79. Chair May Remove

- 79.1 The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction given under sub-Rule 78.2, or cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair as being objectionable or disrespectful.
- 79.2 Any person removed from the meeting under sub-Rule 79.1 must not return to the meeting without the approval of the Chair or Council.

It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens his or her authority in chairing the meeting.

The Governance Local Law 2020 creates the following offences in relation to behaviour at Council meetings:

- Refusing to leave a meeting when requested to do so by the Chair (following improper or disorderly conduct)
- Failing to comply with a direction of the Chair

Each of these offences carries a penalty of 2 penalty units.

Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Frankston City Council is now Live Streaming its Council Meetings.

Council is encouraging residents to view the meetings via the live streaming.

Live Streaming allows you to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council decision making and debate and improving openness and transparency.

Every care will be taken to maintain privacy and, as far as practically possible, it is not intended that there be either live or recorded footage of the public or Media personnel, however, there might be incidental capture; for example footage of a person exiting the building depending on which camera is being used at the time, or audio recording of a person who interjects the meeting. Council officers who address Council will be heard on the live audio stream, and audio of them speaking will be recorded.

As per Council's Governance Rules 77.2 – the proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of the proceedings will be retained and will be published on Council's website within 24 hours from the end of the meeting.

Council will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a live stream and recording is available. However technical difficulties may arise in relation to live streaming or access to Council's website.

Appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the meeting location notifying all attendees that the meeting will be streamed live and recorded. Please note that it is not intended that public speakers will be visible in a live stream of a meeting and care is taken to maintain a person's privacy as an attendee in the gallery, however they may be unintentionally captured in the recording. If public speakers do not wish to be audio recorded they will need to contact the Councillors Office on telephone (03) 9768 1632 or via email councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options prior to the meeting.

In the event Council encounters technical issues with the livestreaming, the meeting will be adjourned for up to 30 minutes until the matter is resolved. If the matter cannot be resolved, the meeting will be postponed to another evening.

The Formal Council Meeting Agenda

The Council meeting agenda is available for public inspection immediately after it is prepared, which is normally on the Thursday afternoon two (2) business days before the meeting. It is available from the Reception desk at the Civic Centre (upper level), on our website www.frankston.vic.gov.au or a copy is also available for you in the chamber before the meeting.

The following information is a summary of the agenda and what each section means:-

Items Brought Forward

These are items for discussion that have been requested to be brought forward by a person, or a group of people, who have a particular item on the Agenda and who are present in the Public Gallery.

• Presentation of Written Questions from the Gallery

Question Time forms are available from the Civic Centre and our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

"Questions with Notice" are to be submitted before 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person at the Frankston Civic Centre, online using the Question Time web form or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

"Questions without Notice" are to be submitted between 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting up until 4pm on the day of the relevant Council Meeting either in person via the designated Question Time box located at the Frankston Civic Centre front reception or the after-hours mail box or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

A maximum of 3 questions may be submitted by any one person at one meeting. There is no opportunity to enter into debate from the Gallery.

More detailed information about the procedures for Question Time is available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Presentation of Petitions and Joint Letters

These are formal requests to the Council, signed by a number of people and drawing attention to matters of concern to the petitioners and seeking remedial action from the Council. Petitions received by Councillors and presented to a Council meeting are usually noted at the meeting, then a report is prepared for consideration at the next available meeting.

Presentation of Reports

Matters requiring a Council decision are dealt with through officer reports brought before the Council for consideration. When dealing with each item, as with all formal meeting procedures, one Councillor will propose a motion and another Councillor will second the motion before a vote is taken. If the members of the public wish to clarify any of the items on the Agenda, please contact the relevant manager by phoning 1300 322 322.

• Presentation of Delegate Reports

A Councillor or member of Council staff who is a delegate may present to Council on the deliberations of the external body, association, group or working party in respect of which he or she is a delegate or an attendee at a Council approved conference / seminar.

Urgent Business

These are matters that Councillors believe require attention and action by Council. Before an item can be discussed, there must be a decision, supported by the majority of Councillors present, for the matter to be admitted as "Urgent Business".

Closed Meetings

Because of the sensitive nature of some matters, such as personnel issues, contractual matters or possible legal action, these matters are dealt with confidentially at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to address Council

Any person who wishes to address Council must pre-register their intention to speak before 4.00pm on the day of the meeting, by telephoning Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) or by submitting the online web form or by using the application form both available on the website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

The submissions process is conducted in accordance with guidelines which are available from Council's Councillors Office and on our website. All submissions will be limited to 3 minutes in duration, except for Section 223 submitters, who have a maximum of 5 minutes. No more than ten (10) members of the public are to be permitted to address the Council. Further speakers will be permitted to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. All speakers need to advise if they are speaking on behalf of an organisation and it is deemed that they have been appropriately authorised by that said organisation.

Public submissions and any subsequent discussion will be recorded as part of the meeting. The proceedings will be live streamed and recordings of Council meetings will be made available to members of the public within 24 hours of the meeting.

Members of the public who address the Council will be heard on the live stream and audio of them speaking will be recorded. It is not intended that submitters or members of the public in the gallery will be visible in the live streaming or recording of the meeting. If a submitter does not wish to be recorded they must advise the Chair at the commencement of their public submission or prior to the Council Meeting.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

If a Councillor considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Council or a special committee of Council, they will declare their interest and clearly state its nature before the matter is considered. This will be done on every occasion that the matter is considered by the Council or special committee.

If a Councillor has an interest in a matter they will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, which may require that they do not move or second the motion and that they leave the room in which the meeting is being held during any vote on the matter and not vote on the matter.

If a Councillor does not intend to be at the meeting, he or she will disclose the nature of the interest to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor or Chairperson prior to the meeting commencing.

MAYOR



NOTICE PAPER

ALL COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Council Meeting of the Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston, on 10 May 2023 at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- Based on the individual merits of each item;
- Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and
- Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

OPENING WITH PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Frankston City. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would like to extend that respect to Elders of other communities who may be here today.

BUSINESS

1.	COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION AWARDS Nil		
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Council Meeting No. CM5 held on 1 May 2023.		
3.	APOLOGIES		
4.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST		
5 .	PUBLIC QUESTIONS		
6 .	HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS		
7 .	CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS		
	7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Proposed 2023-2027 Budget (including year 3 2023-2024 Council Plan initiatives)		
8.	URGENT BUSINESS		
9.	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS Nil		
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7.1 Hearing of Submitters - Proposed 2023-2027 Budget (including year 3 2023-2024 Council Plan initiatives)

Enquiries: (Caroline Reidy: Corporate and Commercial Services)

Council Plan

Level 1: 6. Progressive and Engaged City

Level 2: 6.1 Ensure sustainable financial management and the strategic

allocation of resources to deliver planned infrastructure and

services

Purpose

To provide Council with public submissions relating to the proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) for consideration prior to its adoption.

Recommendation (Director Corporate and Commercial Services)

That Council:

- 1. Hears and considers the public submissions relating to the proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives);
- 2. Notes the proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) was on public exhibition for a period of 29 days, and that fourteen (14) written submissions were received:
- 3. Notes four (4) people have registered to speak at this meeting in support of their written submission; and
- 4. Notes a report to formally adopt the 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) will be presented to Council at its meeting on 22 May 2023.

Key Points / Issues

- Upon adoption of the draft Council Plan and Budget (2023-2027) at the Council meeting of the 3 April 2023; the draft was placed on public exhibition for a period of 29 days (4 April to 2 May 2023).
- As part of the communications plan the public were invited to comment and provide submissions, stating that Council will consider all written and verbal submissions at its meeting held on 10 May 2023.
- At the time of writing this report Council has received fourteen (14) written submissions and four (4) have confirmed that they wish to address Council at the Hearing of Public Submissions on 10 May 2023. A copy of the written submissions are attached as supporting information to the Agenda. Should Council receive any further submissions, these will be distributed under separate cover.
- The proposed/amended 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) will be presented to Council for adoption at its Council Meeting held on 22 May 2023.

Financial Impact

The draft Budget and Council Plan Initiatives is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 2020 and relevant Australian Accounting Standards. The document closely accords with the financial framework established by Council in its adopted

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2021-2031 Financial Plan and continues to address the infrastructure renewal challenge faced by both this Council and the Local Government Industry.

The draft Budget and Council Plan Initiatives includes financial statements being a consolidated income statement, balance sheet, cash flow, capital works and statement of human resources. It also includes a general description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the budget and major initiatives identified by the Council as priorities in the Council Plan, to be undertaken each financial year, the prescribed indicators and measures of service performance, the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken and other financial information which Council requires in order to make an informed decision about the adoption of the budget.

1. External Stakeholders

At its Council Meeting on 3 April 2023, Council resolved to endorse its draft 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) for public exhibition seeking submissions from interested parties. A hearing of submitters meeting has been scheduled for 10 May 2023 to consider submissions and to hear from any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of their written submission.

Public Consultation

Initial engagement to assist in formulating the Council Plan and Budget took place between 16 February and 21 March 2023, which is detailed in the Engagement report submitted to Council on the 3 April 2023.

Public consultation on the draft Council Plan and Budget took place from 4 April to 2 May 2023. The consultation process included;

• Promotion of feedback opportunities via Council's communications channels, including social media, newsletters and websites.

The Local Government Act 2020 does not require councils to undertake a formal submissions process to provide the opportunity for persons to make submissions on a proposed Budget and Council Plan initiatives. However, in line with Council's commitment to our community, Council undertook a public submissions process as part of its engagement approach.

During the consultation period, the engage Frankston web page displaying the 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) received 534 visits with 13 providing feedback through participation tools and one received in person.

Proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) Submissions

Fourteen (14) written submissions were received with four (4) submitters requesting to be heard to support their submission at the meeting scheduled on 10 May 2023.

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Proposed 2023- 2027 budget (including 2023- 2024 Council Plan Initiatives)	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 1 (12103)	Expresses support for 'the getting back to nature priorityWe need indigenous trees, shrubs and ground cover too, to properly support our environment and wildlife. We also need to do a much better job at protecting old, significant trees.'	No
Submission 2 (12112)	Generally positive feedback with mention of support to 'increase our tree canopy'	No
Submission 3 (12113)	Notes the 'need for people to engage with native flora and fauna' and would like to see Council 'Encouraging residents to create indigenous habitat in their own gardens'	No
Submission 4 (12114)	General feedback around the need to building the 'Business and activity needs to be restored to make the City and community strong again', whilst also highlighting the importance of the environment on mental and physical health of residents.	No
Submission 5 (12120)	Positive feedback with an improvement on having 'more strategic indicators which Frankston City Council has a high level of influence over'	No
Submission 6 (12131)	Highlights the need to 'focus on a sustainable future' with an emphasis on 'green spaces' and supports a 'soft recycling bin' but unsure of 'how a glass recycling system would be beneficial'	No
Submission 7 (12132)	Generally positive feedback, with particular reference to appreciation of the 'combination of the Plan and the Budget in one document'. Would like to see a report that 'demonstrate the progress made towards the desired outcomes'. Questions the increase in Green Bin charge and suggest 'we need to reward action by residents to separate out Green & FOMO waste from the landfill bin'	Yes
Submission 8 (12136)	Advocating for the preservation of natural reserves and notes that 'Economic development must not be allowed to damage our natural environment'	No

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Proposed 2023- 2027 budget (including 2023- 2024 Council Plan Initiatives)	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 9 (12315)	Insists that 'that Council will not take existing greenspaces and or recreational areas for any developments'	Yes
Submission 10 (12316)	Implore council the need to 'preserve Long Street Reserve as a reserve and a park'	No
Submission 11 (12318)	On behalf of the Long Island Tennis Club, outlining four stages of budget requests to improve the club and the facilities they use	Yes
Submission 12 (12369)	'Would like to see Bruce Park Pavilion project not being shuffled back years' to aid in junior support participation	Yes
Submission 13 (12458)	Concerns over Bruce Park pavilion facilities not fit for purpose.	No
Submission 14	Concerns over level of borrowings; Baxter park dam improvements and should the dam be filled in; Mechanics Hall floor upgrade seems unnecessary; request for disclosure of costs of details of café leasing of Frankston Yacht Club; concerns over the industrial rate increase.	No

2. Other Stakeholders

The Executive Management Team has been consulted in the lead up to the preparation of the draft 2022-2026 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives). Council's Audit and Risk Committee have also been briefed and provided with a copy of the documents at their May meeting.

Analysis (Environmental / Economic / Social Implications)

Economic implications in regards to this report are detailed under Section 'Financial Implications' above. The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) allocates significant resources to the implementation of the Council Plan Key Community Outcomes.

The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) recognises the leadership role Council has within the community to actively promote sound environmental outcomes and to facilitate other levels of government and the community to act in a similar vein.

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The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) contains financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important services to the Frankston community. The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) is based on the principle of maintaining services that are presently available to the community with some minor service growth to meet service demands.

Legal / Policy / Council Plan Impact

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to the content of the report.

Legal

The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 2020 and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Policy Impacts

Nil.

Officer's Declaration of Interests

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Risk Mitigation

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

Conclusion

The proposed 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council Plan Initiatives) has been on public exhibition for four weeks where the community was invited to provide feedback. We received fourteen (14) formal budget submissions. Four (4) of the submitters have requested the opportunity to speak to Council in support of their submission.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Usual Submissions for Draft 2023-2027 budget (including 2023-2024 Council initiatives)

There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 - Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

Long Island Tennis Club

We would like to make a submission to this 2023/2024 Budget for the urgent replacement of the existing fencing at our club which is in very poor condition. We believe the quoted replacement cost of this fence to be in the vicinity of \$90k.

This would be a significant first step in the process of renewing the aging facilities at our Club

Step two would be the addition of a lighting system to enable an extension of playing time and greater flexibility especially helpful for working members and coaching classes in the winter months.

We believe the costs of this to be also in the vicinity of \$90 k.

Step three would be the replacement of the existing court surfaces to enable more flexibility in the types of tennis to be played ranging from Modgrass to Flexi Pave enabling tennis and pickleball and also incorporating two beach tennis courts.

We believe the cost of these replacements to be in the vicinity of \$200k Step 4 would be a budget item to cover planning of a replacement of the existing clubhouse with a single level clubhouse similar to the design of the Seaford Life Saving Club. This design would incorporate the relocation of the existing public toilet block to be relocated at the front of this new clubhouse to accommodate public showers and toilets.

In support of your written submission, would like to provide a verbal

Reports of Officers Item 7.1 Attachment A:

submission (in-person or telephone) to Councillors on 10 May 2023?

Yes - by telephone





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 – Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

I approve of the approach to mitigating climate change and enhancing access to nature. I would like the council to take into consideration the need to preserve Long Street Reserve as a reserve and a park and that it is not built on.

- · Increase opportunities with native flora & fauna
- Take action to lessen severity of climate change
- Protect and enhance natural & coastal environments
- · Increase urban forest

In support of your written submission, would like to provide a verbal submission (in-person or telephone) to Councillors on 10 May 2023? No





Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

In line with FCC's EXISTING Urban Forest Action Plan's and Biodiversity Action Plan's policies and promises, I would like to see added to what is written, that Council WILL NOT take existing greenspaces and or recreational areas for ANY developments. Instead budget for purchase or lease of land to build developments. Beginning IMMEDIATELY.

Existing greenspaces and land for recreation is our MOST VALUABLE ASSET and MUST be protected AT ALL COST for existing generations and generations to come.

In support of your written submission, would like to provide a verbal submission (in-person or telephone) to Councillors on 10 May 2023? Yes - by telephone





Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

Having worked for many years as a volunteer in a Nature Reserve I notice funding seems to have diminished over the years. More on the ground staff are required. The health of our community benefits from our many reserves and parks; we need to allocate more funds to keep these in good condition. Economic development must not be allowed to damage our natural environment. Planting of trees is a great initiative however this hardly compensates for the number removed unnecessarily for development.

In support of your written submission, would like to provide a verbal submission (in-person or telephone) to Councillors on 10 May 2023? No





Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

Generally seems well-balanced, sustainable, and well-targeted connection with the council's plan.

Really appreciate the combination of the Plan and the Budget in one document. This helps to see that the planned resource allocation will optimize the progress toward the desired outcomes. Would like to see a report in the future that would demonstrate the progress made towards the 'desired outcomes' - a plan progress scorecard. Being able to see the extent of progress, what is working well and not so well, would help to refine subsequent budgets.

One item that did stand out to me was the FCC plan to raise the 'Green Bin' charge by over 5%. This seems to be giving residents the wrong 'price signal' and it is at odds with the goal of minimizing waste, including Green & FOMO, being sent to 'landfill'. We need to reward action by residents to separate out Green & FOMO waste from the landfill bin - this can include a partial subsidy or increased subsidy of the Green collection.

In support of your written submission, would like to provide a verbal submission (in-person or telephone) to Councillors on 10 May 2023? Yes - in person

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

We need to focus on a sustainable future.

Highly important parks/reserves/green space for every community member and to continue bird/animal numbers. With people encouraged to still work from home these green spaces are highly important and need to be maintained and not to be built on.

Soft recycling bin would be fantastic . I am unsure personally how a glass recycling system would be beneficial; the council should be encouraging individuals to recycle glass items in their own home and offer a drop of Centre of a bin at the local shopping centres for people to donate any clean glassed goods.





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 - Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

The budget seems very comprehensive and outlines a positive plan for the future. The only improvement I suggest is to have more strategic indicators which Frankston City Council has a high level of influence over.





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 - Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

Items 1, 5,6,8 and 10 are extremely important and I believe these are priorities that can reinstate growth and employment in the defunct and unused buildings that need leasing - I've worked in Frankston since the 90's and early 2000's and the offices/shops were in demand and constantly buzzing with people spending money and coming for services and Goods; this put money back into local businesses and pockets of resident traders etc. Business and activity needs to be restored to make the City and community strong again and generally attract people and families especially with fun and exciting Street events, cultural activities; and upgraded/developed parks, walking trails and foreshore infrastructure. Park benches, tables, more bins, drinking fountains, random fixed and bolted exercise equipment (not e-bike things), free parking and free social activities and everts. Events or recreational venues for all kinds of people, ages and groups are needed to draw people out of their homes partly for mental health reasons but mainly to promote the community aspect coming together in your own town with fellow neighbors gives a sense of hospitable and outgoing feeling as a group and people learn to respect their town/home and enjoy it, rather than travel into the city for leisure. The Environment is definitely the most major priority for all the obvious reasons highlighted in your budget Ideas. An Environmentally maintained and well looked after town with a focus on improving business opportunities and recreational/leisure establishments is the balance needed to bring life to the land, economy and each resident's mental and physical health.

Item 7.1 Attachment A:





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 - Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

I'm very glad the feedback reflects the need for people to engage with native flora and fauna, but often people think they need to visit a reserve to do so. Encouraging residents to create indigenous habitat in their own gardens, brings in a variety of wildlife, which is immensely rewarding and has great health benefits. Also, many councils are supporting native planting of nature strips, to create corridors for wildlife, providing free plants for participants. I have planted 970 indigenous and native plants on my Frankston South property over the past 12 months. It has created an environmentally rich and ever changing landscape which is interesting and valuable on many levels. We also need to protect established trees, especially those with hollows and instal nesting boxes to address the loss of habitat.



Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

I'm in favour of it. It's a balance plan and contains very positive initiatives for our municipality. I particularly like the imperative to increase our tree canopy!





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 – Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

I think it looks pretty good. I'd like to add that to the getting back to nature priority, it's essential that when we talk about reforesting urban areas that we do not merely plant trees. We need indigenous trees, shrubs and ground cover too, to properly support our environment and wildlife. We also need to do a much better job at protecting old, significant trees.





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 – Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

I am extremely disappointed the Bruce Park multi-sporting pavilion project has once again been left off next years budget. The current facilities are not fit for purpose, the change rooms are inadequate and is limiting the growth of the clubs. With the speed this has been moving, I'm doubting it will happen by 2040.





There has been a submission of the form Draft Budget 2023-2024 – Feedback form through your Engage Frankston! website.

Tell us what you think of the proposed Budget.

Junior sport participation has decreased 30% since Covid. Clubs need support to attract and retain participants. Active kids benefit the council in crime prevention and health. Would like to see Bruce Park Pavilion project not being shuffled back years.





2nd May 2023

Phil Cantillon. C.E.O City of Frankston Councillors



Draft 2023/4 Budget and Council Plan Initiatives

- 1: Borrowings increase from M\$32 to M\$44.
- 2: Baxter Park Dam safety improvements \$250,000.

The Dam was built to provide water for the Ovals during a drought, and to my knowledge has never been used. The South-eastern outfall pipeline transacts the reserve and contains unlimited 'A' grade water. If it will never be used, presents a danger and requires ongoing maintenance, should the Dam be filled in?

- 3: Mechanics Hall Floor \$500,000. From memory about M\$2 was spent. Not that many years ago completely rebuilding what is regarded as an Historic building. The question of floor replacement was not identified as an issue until negotiations took place with the Coast Guard regarding occupation of the front part, and alterations they were seeking. In view of the fact it is rarely used, and only for Meetings, what is the issue and why wasn't it done as part of the reconstruction?
- 4: Frankston Yacht Club Alterations and fit out \$200,000. Unidentified \$400,000. Total \$600,000. This is on top of approx. \$230,000 to install a goods lift recently. A planning permit was issued on 3rd April 2014, A permit was issued for the Yacht club in March 2015. The ensuing 8 years has been an expensive unmitigated disaster for rate payers. On several occasions over that period, I have asked for complete disclosure of the costs, right from the accepted tender to the present day and everything in between. I have asked for details of the Café leasing, again told it is "Commercial in Confidence." Not only are Ratepayers entitled to know, but we as Estate Agents are compelled under the Act, to disclose all Commercial and Industrial lease details to the Council appointed Valuer for rating purposes, If we refuse, we are threatened with prosecution. I can understand how embarrassing full disclosure will be, but that was one of the directives given by Dr Gillian Kay, the appointed Government Monitor, after spending 2 years overseeing Council operations.
- 5: Industrial rate revenue up 33% to M\$7.6. The 25% differential rate applied amounts to an extra M\$1.524. Obligations come under the Act, and it states clearly that "it will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure describes in the Budget." Unfortunately, once again there is nothing in the Budget Capital Works programme for the Industrial areas, and this surcharge is being levied under false pretences. There is no justification for the extra rate, and it should be removed.



9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables the Council to close the meeting to the public if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Council business information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- (b) Security information that is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- (c) Land use planning information;
- (d) Law enforcement information;
- (e) Legal privileged information;
- (f) Personal information;
- (g) Private commercial information;
- (h) Internal arbitration information;
- (i) Councillor conduct panel information
- (j) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
- (k) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 2020
- (I) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a).

Nil Reports	
Signed by the CEO	