



MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2006

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open at 3.30pm and welcomed Members, and Staff to the Meeting.

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

Cr N Dew	Shire President	Coastal Ward
Cr C Germain	Deputy Shire President	Town Ward
Cr M Walmsley		West Ward
Cr B Heath		Town Ward
Cr T Witney		Town Ward
Cr M Davis		Town Ward
Mr I Curley		Chief Executive Officer
Mr L Tilbrook		Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Cleaver		Manager Environmental Health & Building Services
Mr M Turner		Manager Planning & Development Services
Mrs RH O'Mara		Executive Support Officer - Minute Taker

APOLOGIES

Cr Z O'Reilly Carter	Coastal Ward
Cr P Fitzpatrick	East Ward

3.1 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

3.2 **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Nil

4. **DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS' & OFFICERS' INTERESTS**

Cr Walmsley declared a Proximity Interest in Item 5.1.1

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Cr Walmsley declared a Proximity Interest in the following Item 5.1.1 as he is a property owner within the subject area and left the Meeting and the Chambers the time being 3.32pm.

5.1 MANAGER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5.1.1 UNDERGROUND POWER – STAGE 2 SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY FROM THATCHER STREET TO WASS STREET

Officer/Officer's Interest:	Ian Curley – Chief Executive Officer / Nil Matthew Turner – Manager Development & Planning Services / Nil
Proponent:	Office of Energy
Landowner:	Shire of Waroona
Date of Report: 13 June 2006	File No: 97/1
Previous Reference:	Item 9.5.2 October 2005 OCM Item 9.5.4 April 2005 OCM Item 9.5.12 April 2006 OCM
Statutory/Policy Implications:	Nil
Strategic Implications:	Nil
Financial Implications:	Requires commitment for 2006/2007 Budget
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority

Proposal

To accept the grant offer of up to \$120,000.00 from Office of Energy (Appendix 1) towards the continuation of underground power on South West Highway from Lot 3 South Western Highway (ex Supa Valu) to Wass Street. Council commits to match the grant funding on a dollar for dollar basis.

Background

In April 2004 the Shire applied for funding for through the Office of Energy's Round Three of the Localised Enhancement Project of the State Underground Power Program. In September 2004 the Shire was advised that the application was not selected as one of the projects for funding but had been placed on the reserve project list.

In April 2006 the Council agreed to commence Stage 1 of the project utilising its own funds and funds from government and private partners. Stage 1, which is along South West Highway from Parnell Street to just short of Thatcher Street, is expected to commence in the coming months. A plan detailing the extent of Stages 1 & 2 of the underground power program is contained in **Appendix 2**. The total cost of Stage 1 is \$444,000 of which Council's contribution is \$100,000. \$344,000 is funded by other partners.

The Office of Energy has advised that some projects on the reserve list for the Localised Enhancement Project will now be provided grants, including the Waroona project. They have offered to pay for half the cost of underground the power (not including high voltage lines) for Stage 2 of the project, up to a value of \$120,000.

The total estimated cost of Stage 2 is \$584,000 of which Council's contribution is to be \$104,000. \$480,000 is to be funded by other partners. See **Appendix 3** for a preliminary budget for Stage 2 of the Project.

Officer's Comments

It is recommended that the Shire accept the offer of the Office of Energy and attempt to complete underground power through the Town Centre in 2006/2007. The completion of the underground power will finally allow for the full scope of the Town Centre revitalisation to be achieved over a period of time.

Community Consultation

The project is identified in the Shire's Strategic Plan 2005-2025.

APPENDICES 1,2, & 3

COUNCIL DECISION

SCM06/110

MOVED: Cr Germain

SECONDED: Cr Davis

- A. *That Council advises the Office of Energy that it accepts their offer to pay for half the cost of underground the power (not including high voltage lines) from Lot 3 South Western Highway to Wass Street (to a value of \$120,000) under the Round Three Localised Enhancement Scheme and agrees to match the funding on a dollar for dollar basis.***
- B. *The Chief Executive Officer be instructed to investigate the costings and partnership arrangements to enable the completion of the underground project in the Town Centre (South Western Highway from Parnell Street to Wass Street) in 2006/2007 for consideration by Council in the 2006/2007 budget.***

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5-0

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting the time being 3.40pm.