



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THE 4161st (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE CITY HALL, BRISBANE, ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2005
AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN)

The Chairperson of Council, Councillor K L BIANCHI

Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, A BENNISON, C E BERMINGHAM, L D BRYANT, M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, C R CASHMAN, P CUMMING, M de WIT, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, F A HOPKINS, M A HAYES, D B HINCHLIFFE, G KNAPP, G MacPHERSON, J MAGUB, V NEWTON, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, G M QUIRK, K M REA, S SUTTON, and N L WYNDHAM.

OPENING OF MEETING:

The Chairperson (Councillor K L BIANCHI) opened the meeting with prayer, and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

SUBMISSION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2006:

FIRST DAY – WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 942/2004-05

RECOMMENDATIONS:

BUDGET 2005-2006

PRESENTATION AND SUBMISSION BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR FOR THE APPROVAL OF AND ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of the City of Brisbane Act 1924, the Rules of Procedure and the Local Laws of the Council, I present and submit to the Council recommendations as to the rates, charges and fees to be fixed for the year ending 30 June 2006 for the approval of and adoption by the Council.

1. DEFINITIONS

In this resolution, where a term appears in *bold italic* text throughout the document, it has the meaning ascribed by the following definitions:

bulk bin:

a refuse container other than a *mobile bin* supplied by a contractor of the Council.

bulk bin refuse service:

a *waste management service* that specifically includes a regular single service offered for the removal of refuse from a *bulk bin* on any day Monday to Friday inclusive and up to 12 noon on Saturday. The unit of measure is determined by the capacity in cubic metres of the bin and the frequency of the service. The term does not include an *extra collection*.

CBD:

land that is contained within the boundaries of the 'City Centre Local Plan' area as defined by Map 'A' in section 5 of Chapter 4 of City Plan 2000.

commercial water property:

land other than *residential purposes* land, and which is connected to a water main.

community title scheme:

premises situated on land in respect of which a Community Title Scheme has been and remains registered pursuant to the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*.

compliance certificate:

a compliance certificate approves regulated work to the extent stated in the certificate.

dwelling house:

a building that is used or is adapted to be used for *principal residential purposes, mixed residential purposes* or *secondary residential purposes*.

dwelling unit:

a room or group of rooms that is used or is adapted to be used for *principal residential purposes, mixed residential purposes* or *secondary residential purposes*.

extra collection:

the collection of a *waste management service*, performed at least weekly, for not less than four weeks, on a day other than that on which the normal service is performed at the same *premises*.

financial year:

the financial year commencing on 1 July 2005 and ending on 30 June 2006.

inner city area:

that part of the City of Brisbane as is edged in orange on the plan marked 'INNER CITY AREA BOUNDARY'.

improved premises:

premises that comprise, or upon which is constructed a building, buildings or other improvement. It does not include land upon which the sole improvement is an outbuilding or other minor structure not designed or used for human habitation or occupation.

land use codes:

those land use codes approved by the Brisbane City Council effective from 1 July 2005.

local government purposes:

activities conducted by a local authority for the provision of services, administration, management, development, welfare, benefit or enjoyment to its residents.

manager:

the Divisional Manager or Manager of the relevant Unit of Administration of the Brisbane City Council which is responsible for the transaction or activity governed by the Budget.

mixed residential purposes:

residential *premises* from which a resident *owner* or an occupier conducts a non-residential or commercial activity, and that activity conforms to but does not exceed the

conditions set out in 'Column 3' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06.

This specifically does **not** include:

- (a) **owners** or occupiers who may work from home and are either self-employed or working from home for their employer either permanently or temporarily, unless any such activity:
- (i) involves the sale, manufacture or provision of goods or services on site, or
 - (ii) is the place of employment of any other person/s other than the **owner** or occupier, or
 - (iii) involves the reception of customers to view, purchase or consult on any such goods or services on site, and
- the activity does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06.

or;

- (b) **owners** or occupiers who are engaged in a hobby or past-time that does involve the sale, manufacture or provision of goods or services and/or the reception of customers to view, purchase or consult on any such goods or services on site, including low-key, kerb-side sales and stalls, provided any such activity does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06.

Any residential **premises** that exceeds the conditions set out in 'Column 2' but does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 3' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06 will be deemed to be **mixed residential purposes**.

mobile bin:

a refuse container having a capacity not exceeding 240 litres supplied by a contractor of the Council.

For the purposes of this definition where a refuse container has a capacity exceeding that of a **mobile bin**, each 240 litres or part thereof shall be deemed to constitute one **mobile bin**.

mobile bin refuse service:

in relation to any **premises**:

- (a) in the **Inner City Area**, a **waste management service** that specifically includes a service performed on any day Monday to Friday inclusive and up to 12 noon on Saturday, for the removal of refuse from a **mobile bin** at those **premises**, or
- (b) outside the **Inner City Area**, a **waste management service** that specifically includes a service performed regularly once each week and on a day of the week determined by the Council, or, as the case may be, its contractor, for the purpose of such service, for the removal of refuse from a **mobile bin** at those **premises**.

multiple dwelling:

as defined in the *Local Law (Accommodation Standards) 1999* of the Council with the exception of land used for the purposes of:

- (a) a Hotel, Motel/Motor Inn/Motor Lodge, Granny Flat or Residential Aged Care Facility, or
- (b) 'Bed & Breakfast' or 'Home-stay' type accommodation which meets the Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions of the 'Home Business Code' under section 2 of Chapter 5 of City Plan 2000, or
- (c) **principal residential purposes**, **mixed residential purposes** or **secondary residential purposes**.

non-residential purpose(s):

all land that does not conform to the definition of **principal residential purposes**, **mixed residential purposes** or **secondary residential purposes**.

no water service:

land that is within 100 metres of a main supply and is not connected to a water main.

owner:

For purposes of the differential general rating table and associated provisions means:

- (a) the 'registered proprietor'
- (b) a resident Life Tenant, nominated as such by the terms of a will or Family/Supreme Court Order, and having been specifically given responsibility for payment of all Rates and Charges
- (c) a resident lessee of an Auction Perpetual Lease, the terms of any such lease must provide for the lessee to be responsible for the payment of rates and charges and the lessee must be granted title to the land in fee simple at the conclusion of the lease.

predominant use:

the single use, or in the case of multiple usages, the predominant use, for which in the opinion of the Council the **property** is being used or could potentially be used by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the **property**. Council may form this opinion by examination of the **visual, spatial and economic** aspects of the use, these terms being defined herein, and/or where appropriate, the assessment criteria contained within attachment 'A' of the **Land use codes** for 2005-06.

premises:

includes –

- (a) the whole or any part of any building, structure, or land, and
- (b) any construction works whether on private land, Crown land, Council land or any public place.

principal place of residence:

a single **dwelling house** or **dwelling unit** that is the place of residence at which at least one person who constitutes the **owner/s** of the land predominantly resides. In establishing **principal place of residence**, Council may consider, but not be limited to the **owner's** declared address for electoral, taxation, government social security or national health registration purposes, or any other form of evidence deemed acceptable by the Council.

Residential **premises** which have not, in the opinion of the Council met these criteria will be deemed a **secondary residence**. The following cases do **not** comply with the definition of a **principal place of residence** namely, a single **dwelling house** or **dwelling unit** that is:

- (a) not occupied by at least one person/s who constitute the **owner/s**, but occupied by any other person/s, whether in return for rent or remuneration or not, including members of the **owner's** family, or
- (b) vacant, whether permanently or temporarily (for more than 120 days of the **financial year**), including for the purposes of renovation or redevelopment, except in the case where:
 - (i) a **premises** being renovated remains the registered **principal place of residence** for the purposes specified above and that the **owner/s** do not own any other **property** which they claim to be their **principal place of residence**, and
 - (ii) a **property** is vacant for a period longer than 120 contiguous days of the **financial year** due to the **owner/s** absence on an extended holiday, provided that the **property** remains completely vacant for the entire period of their absence.
- (c) **premises** fully or partially held in other than **private ownership**.

Such instances will be regarded as being **secondary residential purposes**.

principal residential purpose(s):

means the purpose of a use of a *dwelling house* or *dwelling unit* where that purpose is solely for a *principal place of residence* not containing any improvements of a non-residential nature nor comprising any non-residential or commercial activity unless such improvements or activity is limited to:

- (a) self-contained accommodation, either detached, semi-detached or integrated, for the care and shelter of an aged or infirm family member of the occupant/s. The gross floor area of any such self-contained accommodation is not to exceed 70 square metres, and/or
- (b) the *owner/s* working from home being either self-employed or working for their employer either permanently or temporarily, unless any such activity conforms with and does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06
- (c) engaging in a hobby or past-time that involves the sale, manufacture or provision of goods or services and/or the reception of customers to view, purchase or consult on any such goods or services on site, including low-key, kerb-side sales and stalls, provided any such activity conforms with and does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06.

private ownership:

means land, the certificate of title of which is in the name of an individual or more than one individual and excludes land owned or partially owned by companies, trusts, organisations or any other entity other than an individual. This is regardless of whether the land is occupied as a residence by an owner or even the sole owner of that company, trust, organisation or entity.

property:

a parcel or parcels of land recorded together within Council's systems for rating and charging purposes.

rateable land:

has the meaning given by Section 47 of the City of Brisbane Act 1924.

rating quarter:

in relation to a *financial year*, means a part of the year of a period of three months commencing on 1 July, 1 October, 1 January or 1 April in that year.

reading period:

with respect to meters, means the period between the times at which the meters are read for the purpose of measuring water consumption and trade waste.

religious institution:

an organisation, society, association or other organised group of adherents, which is defined by a belief in a supernatural being, force or authority, where there is a relationship between that supernatural authority and the way in which people behave or should behave, and is:

- (a) recognised by the Commonwealth under the terms of Section 26 of the Marriages Act 1961, being proclaimed by the Governor-General as a religious body or a religious organisation for the purposes of the Act, or
- (b) registered as an exempt institution (religious body) under paragraph (2)(a) of Section 459 of the Duties Act (Queensland) 2001, or
- (c) recognised as a '*religious institution*' under the Income Tax Assessment Act and Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act for inclusion as an 'Income Tax Exempt Charity' (ITEC).

This would be established in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office's definition of a '*religious institution*' as stated in the Taxation Ruling '**92/17**' or any subsequent

ruling or legislation that amends or further articulates this definition for Federal taxation purposes.

residential purpose(s):

land that is in, or if it were categorised would be in, Differential Rating Category 1 or 7 determined under Section 4(a) of this Resolution.

Any residential *premises* that exceeds the “Assessment Criteria” for both Differential Rating Category 1 and 7 (Columns ‘2’ and ‘3’) of Attachment ‘A’ of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06 is deemed to be *non-residential purposes*.

residential water property:

residential purposes land that is connected to a water main.

retirement village:

has the same meaning as given to it under section 10.2 of Chapter 3 of City Plan 2000, and unless owned and operated by a *religious institution*, is registered as such with the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

secondary residence / secondary residential purposes:

a single *dwelling house* or *dwelling unit* that:

- (a) is used solely for the purposes of a place of residence of one family; and
- (b) is not the *principal place of residence* of at least one person who constitutes the *owner*; and
- (c) does not contain any improvements of a non-residential nature or comprising any non-residential or commercial activity unless such improvements or activity is limited to:
 - (i) self-contained accommodation, either detached, semi-detached or integrated, for the care and shelter of an aged or infirm family member of the occupant/s. The gross floor area of any such self-contained accommodation is not to exceed 70 square metres, and/or
 - (ii) the occupier/s working from home being either self-employed or working for their employer either permanently or temporarily, unless any such activity conforms with and does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06
 - (iii) engaging in a hobby or past-time that involves the sale, manufacture or provision of goods or services and/or the reception of customers to view, purchase or consult on any such goods or services on site, including low-key, kerb-side sales and stalls, provided any such activity conforms with and does not exceed the conditions set out in 'Column 2' of Attachment 'A' of the *Land Use Codes* for 2005-06.

The definition includes:

- i. vacant display homes, providing they are not being utilised as a sales or site office; and
- ii. those instances deemed to be a *secondary residence* by the definition of *principal place of residence* and those instances set out in the second paragraph of the definition of a *principal place of residence*.

sewered area:

an area declared in a general notice which has been given in accordance with the provisions of Local Law 28 of Chapter 17 of the Local Laws of the Council, or a service area for which Council is declared to be the service provider for sewerage service under the Water Act 2000.

sewered premises:

premises in a *sewered area* or any *premises* connected with any sewer of the Council.

vacant land:

land devoid of buildings or structures with the exception of outbuildings or other minor structures not designed or used for human habitation or occupation. It does not apply to land that is used for car parking or in conjunction with any commercial activity, eg. heavy vehicle or machinery parking, outdoor storage areas, assembly areas or rural activities such as cultivation, grazing or agistment.

visual, spatial and economic:

attributes defined separately below pertaining to the usage of land and used in determining the level of non-residential activity being conducted on the *premises* for differential rating categorisation purposes, or the nature of any activity conducted on the *premises* for General rate exemption determination. These attributes may be considered in conjunction with the assessment criteria described in attachment 'A' of the Brisbane City Council *Land use codes* for 2005-06.

Each attribute is defined as follows:

- (a) *Visual.* The visual impact any non-residential activity may have on the amenity and/or character of the neighbouring area. In measuring this characteristic, consideration would be given, but not restricted to, attributes such as signage, provision of car parking, increased traffic volume and the degree to which the *premises* differs visually from its neighbouring properties because of its non-residential activity.
- (b) *Spatial.* The proportion of the total land or building area which is dedicated to the carrying out of a non-residential activity.
- (c) *Economic.* The actual or potential economic benefit of an activity conducted on the land in terms of the financial gain or saving to the *owner* or occupant.

For Differential Rating categorisation purposes, a *property* is determined to be used for *non-residential purposes* where, in the opinion of the Council, one or more of the preceding attributes indicate a level of non-residential activity which distinguishes the *property* from a solely *residential purpose*.

For determination of General Rate exemption qualification, these attributes may be used to evaluate whether the *predominant use* for which the applicant property is being utilised conforms to the exemption criteria.

waste collection area:

an area serviced by the Council or its contractor for the collection and disposal of waste.

waste management service charges effective date:

the date of change request, order or adjustment of the *waste management service*.

waste management service:

a comprehensive range of collection and disposal services offered for the removal of waste from properties, roadways and parks in Brisbane that ensures wastes are collected and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

water charge(s):

where the context permits, may include water access charges and consumption charges.

Definitions drawn from or dependant upon the City Plan document shall be taken to be those applicable under that plan at the time of adoption of this Resolution.

2. LAND USE CODES

Until otherwise decided or amended, the *land use codes* set out in the document "Brisbane City Council *Land use codes* 1 July 2005" as tabled shall constitute the *land use codes* for rating and charging purposes.

3. AVERAGING OF VALUATIONS

Pursuant to section 959(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Council determines that, for the purpose of making and levying rates and charges for the *financial year* on *rateable land* –

- (a) the unimproved value of the land is to be its averaged value under Division 2 of Part 1 of Chapter 14 of the Act, and
- (b) the average value must be calculated under section 960 of the Act, and
- (c) for the purposes of sub-section 2 of section 960 of the Act the "Averaging Factor" for the **financial year** is **0.78**.

Note: For properties with **land use code** 72, the valuation will be calculated in accordance with section 25 of the Valuation of Land Act 1944 as amended.

4. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

- (a) For the purpose of making and levying differential general rates for the **financial year** on all **rateable land** in the City, the Council determines that:
 - (i) the categories into which the **rateable land** in the City is to be categorised are:
 - a) **7** in number, and
 - b) identified by the 'Category' numbers of the Differential General Rating Table.
 - (ii) the criteria by which land is to be categorised as being in a particular one of those categories are specified in the 'General Criteria' and 'Specific Criteria' columns of the Differential General Rating Table opposite the identification of the particular category.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATING TABLE

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
1.	<p>This criterion will only apply where;</p> <p>(a) the current use, or having regard to any improvements or activities conducted upon the land, the potential use of the subject land is solely principal residential purposes. Where the land contains a dwelling house or a dwelling unit and otherwise meets the general criteria above, then this category will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) regardless of the City Plan 2000 classification of the area within which that land is situated and, (ii) only where the land represents the principal place of residence of at least one person who constitutes the owner/s of the land. <p>or;</p> <p>(b) the sole purpose for which the subject land is presently utilised is vacant land and is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) wholly contained within 	<p>Subject to meeting the General Criteria –</p> <p>(1) Land to which the following land use codes apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 vacant urban land 06 outbuilding / amenity block, or 94 vacant rural land, and <p>which meets the general criteria for this category. (2) Land to which the following land use codes apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02 single unit dwelling, or 08 community title scheme unit used for principal residential purposes. <p>(3) The following land is specifically included in this category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. vacant land which meets the general criteria for this category, or b. premises that would otherwise be the owner's principal place of residence but where the owner is incapable of occupancy due to ill or

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
	<p>an area or combination of areas defined under Chapter 3 of City Plan 2000 as</p> <p>Green Space Areas (excluding Sport and Recreation Area) of</p> <p>Conservation Area, or</p> <p>Environmental Protection Area, or</p> <p>Rural Area, or</p> <p>where coexisting with another area or code contained within this general criteria, Parkland Area, or</p> <p>Emerging Community Area, or</p> <p>(ii) Residential Areas of:</p> <p>Low Density Residential Area, or</p> <p>Character Residential Area, or</p> <p>Low-Medium Density Residential Area, or</p> <p>Medium Density Residential, or</p> <p>High Density Residential Area, or a</p> <p>(iii) Particular Development Code where the <i>predominant use</i> for which land may be utilised is a <i>residential purpose</i>, or</p> <p>(iv) Land contained within the Moreton Island Settlements Local Plan defined under section 4 of Chapter 4 of City Plan 2000, other than that contained within the resort area of Tangalooma, or</p> <p>(v) Wholly contained within</p>	<p>frail health and is domicile in a care facility, provided such <i>premises</i> remain unoccupied by any other person/s.</p>

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
	<p>a zone or combination of zones defined under the Town Plan of the City of Ipswich as: Future Urban, or Park Residential, or Residential Low Density, or Residential Medium Density, or Non-Urban/Limited Development, or Rural, or Rural Conservation, or</p> <p>(vi) Land that has been purchased by an individual for solely principal residential purposes following the re-configuration of allotments, will be deemed to meet the criteria of this category regardless of any current area classification under City Plan 2000 and will continue until such time as the land is reclassified as residential.</p>	
	<p>This criterion will apply where the land is;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. used for non-residential purposes, or has the potential predominant use by virtue of its improvements or activities conducted upon the land of non-residential purposes, and b. located outside of the boundaries of the C.B.D., and c. characterised by one of the land use codes in the adjacent specific criteria attributable to this category. <p>Vacant land outside of the C.B.D. falls within this category where that land does not meet both the general and specific criteria of category 1 of this table.</p>	<p>Subject to meeting the General Criteria,</p> <p>(1) Land to which the following land use codes apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 vacant urban land 06 outbuilding/amenity block 72 vacant land – valuation discounted subdivided land, or 94 vacant rural land, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. is not residential purposes land; or b. meets the general criteria of this Category. <p>or</p> <p>(2) Land to which the following land use codes apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08 community title scheme unit(s), not used for residential purposes 10 combined multiple dwelling and shop 11 shop (single)

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
		12 shops – shopping group (more than 6 shops)
		13 shops – shopping group (2 to 6 shops)
		15 shop (secondary retail)
		16 drive-in shopping centre
		17 restaurant/fast food outlet
		18 special tourist attraction
		19 walkway/ramp
		20 marina
		21 residential institution
		22 car park
		23 retail warehouse
		24 sales area
		25 office(s)
		26 funeral parlour
		27 hospital / convalescent home (medical care, private)
		28 warehouse and bulk store
		29 transport terminal
		30 service station
		31 oil depot
		32 wharf
		33 builder's yard/contractor's yard
		34 cold store/ice works
		35 general industry
		36 light industry
		37 noxious/offensive industry
		38 advertising – hoarding
		39 harbour industry
		40 extractive industry
		41 child care centre
		42 hotel/tavern
		43 motel
		44 nursery/garden centre
		45 theatres/cinemas
		46 drive-in theatres
		47 licensed club
		48 sports club/facilities
		50 other club (non business)
		51 religious
		52 cemetery
		54 art gallery, museum, zoo
		55 library
		56 showground/racecourse /airfield
		57 park and garden/bushland

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
		reserve 58 educational 59 access restriction strip, 63 boarding kennels / cattery 91 utility installation 92 defence force establishment 95 reservoir, dam, bore 96 public hospital 97 welfare home/ <i>premises</i> , or 99 community protection centre.
3.	This criterion will apply where the land is: a. used for <i>non-residential purposes</i> , or has the potential <i>predominant use</i> by virtue of its improvements or activities conducted upon the land of <i>non-residential purposes</i> , and b. characterised by one of the <i>land use codes</i> in the adjacent specific criteria attributable to this category.	Subject to meeting the General Criteria, land to which the following <i>land use codes</i> apply – 62 wholesale production nursery, 64 livestock grazing – breeding, 65 livestock grazing – breeding and fattening 66 livestock grazing – fattening 67 goats 68 dairy cattle – quota milk 69 dairy cattle – non-quota milk 74 turf farm 75 sugar cane 79 orchard 80 tropical fruit 81 pineapple 82 vineyard 83 small crops and fodder irrigated 84 small crops & fodder non-irrigated 85 pigs 86 horses 87 poultry 88 forestry and logs, or 89 animals (special).
4.	This criterion will apply where the land is: a. used for <i>non-residential purposes</i> , or has the potential <i>predominant use</i> by virtue of its improvements or activities conducted upon the land of	Subject to meeting the General Criteria, land to which the following <i>land use codes</i> apply: 03 multiple dwelling/s 07 guest house / private hotel / hostel 49 caravan park

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
	<p><i>non-residential purposes</i>, and</p> <p>b. characterised by one of the <i>land use codes</i> in the adjacent specific criteria attributable to this category.</p>	<p>53 relocatable home park</p> <p>60 retirement villages and land used for two or more unit residences other than to which the code :</p> <p>08 community title scheme unit</p> <p>applies.</p> <p>This criteria includes 'Bed & Breakfast' or 'Home-stay' style accommodation which does not comply with the Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions of the 'Home Business Code' under section 2 of Chapter 5 of City Plan 2000.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>This criterion will apply where the land is:</p> <p>a. used for <i>non-residential purposes</i>, or has the potential <i>predominant use</i> by virtue of its improvements or activities conducted upon the land of <i>non-residential purposes</i>, and</p> <p>b. located within the boundaries of the <i>C.B.D.</i> , and</p> <p>c. characterised by one of the <i>land use codes</i> in the adjacent specific criteria attributable to this category.</p> <p>Vacant land within the <i>C.B.D.</i> falls within this category where that land does not meet both the general and specific criteria of category 1 of this table.</p>	<p>Subject to meeting the General Criteria,</p> <p>(1) Land located within the <i>C.B.D.</i> to which the following <i>land use codes</i> apply:</p> <p>01 vacant urban land</p> <p>06 outbuilding/amenity block</p> <p>72 vacant land – valuation discounted subdivided land, or</p> <p>94 vacant rural land, and</p> <p>a. is not <i>residential purposes land</i>; or</p> <p>b. meets the general criteria of this Category.</p> <p>or</p> <p>(2) Land located within the <i>C.B.D.</i> to which the following <i>land use codes</i> apply –</p> <p>08 community title scheme unit(s), not used for <i>principal residential purposes, mixed residential purposes</i> or <i>secondary residential purposes</i></p> <p>10 combined multiple dwelling and shop</p> <p>11 shop (single)</p> <p>12 shops – shopping group (more than 6 shops)</p> <p>13 shops – shopping group (2 to 6 shops)</p> <p>15 shop (secondary retail)</p> <p>16 drive-in shopping centre</p>

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		17 restaurant/fast food outlet
		18 special tourist attraction
		19 walkway/ramp
		20 marina
		21 residential institution
		22 car park
		23 retail warehouse
		24 sales area
		25 office(s)
		26 funeral parlour
		27 hospital / convalescent home (medical care, private)
		28 warehouse and bulk store
		29 transport terminal
		30 service station
		31 oil depot
		32 wharf
		33 builder's yard/contractor's yard
		34 cold store/ice works
		35 general industry
		36 light industry
		37 noxious/offensive industry
		38 advertising – hoarding
		39 harbour industry
		40 extractive industry
		41 child care centre
		42 hotel/tavern
		43 motel
		44 nursery/garden centre
		45 theatres/cinemas
		46 drive-in theatres
		47 licensed club
		48 sports club/facilities
		50 other club (non business)
		51 religious
		52 cemetery
		54 art gallery, museum, zoo
		55 library
		56 showground/ racecourse/airfield
		57 park and garden/bushland reserve
		58 educational
		59 access restriction strip
		63 boarding kennels/cattery
		91 utility installation

Category	General Criteria	Specific Criteria
		92 defence force establishment 95 reservoir, dam, bore 96 public hospital 97 welfare home/ <i>premises</i> , or 99 community protection centre.
6.	Applies only where land does not fall within categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7	Land not included in: Category 1 Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 5, or Category 7.
7.	This criterion will apply where the land is used for <i>mixed residential purposes</i> or <i>secondary residential purposes</i> , or has the potential <i>predominant use</i> by virtue of its improvements or activities conducted upon the land for these purposes.	Subject to meeting the General Criteria – Land to which the following <i>land use codes</i> apply: 61 mixed residential purposes 70 secondary residential purposes 08 community title scheme unit, or 72 Vacant land – valuation discounted for subdivided land.

- (b) The Council, using the criteria specified in the Differential General Rating Table identifies the category in which each parcel of *rateable land* in the City is included as the category specified in relation to that parcel of land in the document now tabled and marked "A".
- (c) The Council determines that the *Manager*, Financial Planning is the person authorised by the Council for the purposes of section 87(1) of the City of Brisbane Act 1924.
- (d) For the *financial year* the differential general rate set out opposite a category determined under (a) and specified in the Table is made and to be levied equally on the unimproved value of all *rateable land* in the City included in the category.

TABLE

Category 1	0.4780 cents in the dollar
Category 2	1.4184 cents in the dollar
Category 3	0.6132 cents in the dollar
Category 4	0.6236 cents in the dollar
Category 5	2.3448 cents in the dollar
Category 6	1.4184 cents in the dollar
Category 7	0.5072 cents in the dollar

- (e) Despite (d), **\$371.80** is fixed as the minimum amount payable as a differential general

rate in respect of all **rateable land** in each category determined under (a) with the exception of any land to which Land use code 72 applies or which is otherwise exempt from minimum general rating under s51 (4) of the *City of Brisbane Act 1924*.

- (f) (i) Despite (d) and (e) the amount to be levied by way of differential general rates for the **financial year** in respect of any land to which this subparagraph applies is not to be more than the amount of the differential rates levied in respect of that land for the previous financial year increased by **5.00** per centum.
- (ii) Subject to (iii) and (iv), subparagraph (i) applies to any land that at the commencement of the **financial year** is in Category 1 determined under (a), and which is the **principal place of residence** of the person/s who are the **owner** of the land, or if more than one person is the **owner** of the land, at least one of those persons.
- (iii) Subparagraph (i) does not apply to any land held in the name of a trust or corporation.
- (iv) If ownership of any land is transferred on or after the commencement of the **financial year**, subparagraph (i) is to cease to apply on and from the date such transfer takes effect except in the following instances:
- a) change of name on title as a result of marriage or change of name by deed poll, or
 - b) transfer to, or inclusion of a spouse/de facto/partner as a result of an amalgamation or separation of assets, or on the death of a spouse on the **principal place of residence**, or
 - c) transmissions to surviving joint tenant or tenants on death of other joint tenant.
- (v) In the case of land that becomes the **principal place of residence** of at least one person who is an **owner**, after the commencement of the **financial year**, (i) applies from the first **rating quarter** of the next **financial year** following the approved application of the **owner**.
- (g) Wherever in this paragraph 4, Council is required to make a decision or to form an opinion, the making of that decision or opinion is delegated to the **Manager**, Financial Planning.

5. EXEMPTIONS FROM GENERAL RATING

Any **property** used for public, religious, charitable or educational purposes, and

- (a) for which an application has been received from the **owner**, and
- (b) which is approved by Council as eligible for exemption, and
- (c) is identified in Schedule 1 of this Resolution

is exempt from general rating and separate/special rating and charging.

Where a **property** is currently exempt from General rating under Schedule 1 of this Resolution undergoes redevelopment or refurbishment and the activities conducted on such a **property** are temporarily suspended, exemption may, at the discretion of the **Manager Financial Planning**, continue to be granted provided that:

- (a) there is an uninterrupted cycle from cessation of operations, to construction and finally recommencement, of a duration not exceeding **18** months, and
- (b) the **predominant use** of the **property** after redevelopment remains unaltered, or if it does change, it complies with the criterion of another category of exemption, and
- (c) the ownership of the **property** does not change during the course of the redevelopment.

Where completion has not been achieved within the above time frame but there is evidence of a continuing process of redevelopment, the *Manager Financial Planning* may allow an extension for a period not exceeding a further 6 months.

SCHEDULE 1 Exemption Criteria

- (a) **Public Purposes** – Any *property* that is vested in, or for the time being placed under the management or control of any person under or in pursuance of any statute, for the purpose of, and being presently utilised as, a showground or an area presently utilised as public recreation or athletic sports or games as evidenced by the provision and existence of facilities for such purpose if that is, in the opinion of the *Manager Financial Planning* open to the public at all reasonable hours, free of charge.

For the purpose of this paragraph, any *property* vested in the ownership of a local authority other than the Brisbane City Council, and used for *local government purposes* shall be deemed to be used for public purposes.

- (b) **Religious Purposes** – Any *property* that is:

1. owned by a *religious institution*, and
2. does not exceed two hectares in area, and
3. the *predominant use* of which is *public worship* and having a building thereon used entirely for *public worship* or for *public worship* and educational purposes whether or not that land has other buildings on it that are utilised in conjunction with the place of worship.

For the purposes of this resolution and to avoid misunderstanding, “public worship” is defined as follows:

- (i) worship which is conducted within the concept of “open doors” so that members of the public who are not regular congregation members of the particular *religious institution* may, without impediment or condition, gain access to and participate in such worship alongside the regular congregation members; and
- (ii) worship to which members of the public are actively invited to attend by means of signage located at each of the public entrances to the land, such signage to include an unambiguous and open invitation to members of the public to worship as well as a statement as to relevant worship times (referrals to obtain worship times are not acceptable in lieu of advertised times) and such signage to be printed in a style that is clearly legible from outside of the boundaries of the land; and
- (iii) worship which is not pre-conditioned upon advance notice of any description and which is not pre-conditioned upon the recommendation or approval of another congregation member or by the completion of any precursory instruction or induction.

- (c) **Charitable Purposes** – Any *property* that is owned by a public charity and the *predominant use* of such land is the giving of a gift of food, drink, clothing, temporary emergency accommodation or money to the destitute and/or the homeless.

- (d) **Educational Purposes** – Any *property* that is owned by a *religious institution* and used entirely as a school, as evidenced by the presence of completed buildings from which classes are being provided to an enrolled student population, which may be conducted by or on behalf of such *religious institution* whether or not that *property* has other buildings on it that are utilised in conjunction with the school.

For the purposes of this subparagraph, a property shall not be taken to be used entirely for a school unless the property has building/s constructed upon it or sporting fields as evidenced by the provision of purpose-built facilities, eg. football fields, running tracks, athletics facilities etc, which are being actively used for the educational purposes of the

school. Any such sporting facilities must represent a majority usage of the *property* if buildings do not exist upon the site.

To be eligible for exemption under this subparagraph, the *property* must have a *predominant use* of, and be presently utilised in conducting educational activities. Properties which incorporate a mixture of educational and commercial activity may not be eligible for exemption. In determining eligibility, consideration may be given to the *visual, spatial and economic* aspects of the *property*.

- (e) Any *property* exceeding two hectares in area which:
- (i) otherwise meets the criteria of paragraph 5(b) (apart from the area restriction), and
 - (ii) there is a Higher Voluntary Conservation Agreement with the Council in respect of part of that *property*, and
 - (iii) the area of that *property* which is not subject to the Higher Voluntary Conservation Agreement does not exceed two hectares in area.
- (f) Any *property* that –
- (i) prior to 13 May 1992 was non-rateable for the purpose of levying of rates under the City of Brisbane Act 1924, and
 - (ii) since 13 May 1992 has –
 - (A) been continuously used for the same purpose for which it was used immediately prior to 13 May 1992, and
 - (B) been in the same ownership as it was immediately prior to 13 May 1992, and
 - (iii) does not meet any of the criteria for exemption set out in paragraphs (a) to (e) above, and
 - (iv) is used for public, religious, charitable or educational purposes, and
 - (v) is deemed worthy by Council of being exempted from rating despite its inability to comply with paragraphs (a) to (e) above.

In establishing the *predominant use* for the purpose of clauses (b), (c) and (d), consideration may be given to the *visual, spatial and economic* aspects of the *property*.

The Financial Planning *Manager* may rule as to whether or not a particular *property* falls within any of the categories of exemption under this resolution as to exemptions from rating.

6. SPECIAL RATES

6.1 Queen Street Mall

- (i) All rateable land in the parts of the City coloured pink, orange and green on the map tabled "**SR-1**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Queen Street Mall undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Queen Street Mall is tabled "**OP-1**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Queen Street Mall.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be;
 - **0.7708** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1540** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured pink on map "**SR-1**".
 - **0.3236** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0648**

cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured orange on map "SR-1".

- **0.1412** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0284** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured green on map "SR-1".

6.2 Chinatown and Valley Malls

- (i) All rateable land in the parts of the City coloured pink, orange and green on the map tabled "SR-2", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Chinatown and Valley Malls undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Chinatown and Valley Malls is tabled "OP-2" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Chinatown and Valley Malls.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be:
 - **2.6616** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.5324** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured pink on map "SR-2".
 - **0.7944** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1588** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured orange on map "SR-2".
 - **0.2364** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0472** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured green on map "SR-2".

6.3 Stanley Street Beautification Scheme

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-3", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Stanley Street Beautification Scheme undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Stanley Street Beautification Scheme is tabled "OP-3" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the lineal metre frontage of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Stanley Street Beautification Scheme.
- (iv) The special rate on the lineal metre frontage of all such *rateable land* shall be **\$93.64** per lineal metre for *non-residential purposes* land and **\$18.72** per lineal metre for *residential purposes* land.

6.4 Merthyr Village Beautification Scheme

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-4", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Merthyr Village Beautification Scheme undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Merthyr Village Beautification Scheme is tabled "OP-4" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Merthyr Village Beautification Scheme.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.1900** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0380** cents in

the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.5 Sandgate Town Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-5", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Sandgate Town Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Sandgate Town Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-5" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Sandgate Town Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.2764** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0552** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.6 Stones Corner Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-6", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Stones Corner Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Stones Corner Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-6" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Stones Corner Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.1156** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0232** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.7 Toowong Business Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-7", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Toowong Business Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Toowong Business Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-7" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Toowong Business Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.0320** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0064** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.8 Albion Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-8", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Albion Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Albion Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-8" and adopted.

- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Albion Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.3452** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0692** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.9 Morningside Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-9", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Morningside Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Morningside Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-9" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Morningside Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.4980** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0996** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.10 Sunnybank Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the parts of the City coloured pink, orange and green on the map tabled "SR-10", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Sunnybank Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Sunnybank Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-10" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Sunnybank Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be;
- (v) **0.1556** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0312** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured pink on map "SR-10".
- (vi) **0.1940** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0388** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured orange on map "SR-10".
- (vii) **0.0456** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0092** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured green on map "SR-10".

6.11 Wynnnum Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-11", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Wynnnum Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Wynnnum Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-11" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards

- meeting the cost of the Wynnum Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.1576** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0316** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.12 Corinda Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-12", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Corinda Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Corinda Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-12" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Corinda Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.4192** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0840** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.13 Mount Gravatt Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-13", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Mount Gravatt Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Mount Gravatt Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-13" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Mount Gravatt Central Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.1504** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0300** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.14 Carina Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "SR-14", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Carina Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Carina Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "OP-14" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Carina Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.9368** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1872** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.15 Brunswick Street West Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the parts of the City coloured pink and orange on the map tabled "SR-15", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Brunswick Street West Suburban Centre

Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.

- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Brunswick Street West Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-15**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Brunswick Street West Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be;
- (v) **0.2984** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.0596** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured pink on map "**SR-15**".
- (vi) **0.4176** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **.0836** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land where the land is included in the part of the City coloured orange on map "**SR-15**".

6.16 Manly Living Village Development Levy

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-16**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Manly Living Village Development Levy undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Manly Living Village Development Levy is tabled "**OP-16**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Manly Living Village Development Levy.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.6124** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1224** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.17 Nundah Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-17**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Nundah Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Nundah Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-17**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Nundah Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.7396** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1480** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.18 Caxton Street Living Village Development Levy

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-18**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Caxton Street Living Village Development Levy undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Caxton Street Living Village Development Levy is tabled "**OP-18**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards

meeting the cost of the Caxton Street Living Village Development Levy.

- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.5384** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1076** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.19 Oxley Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-19**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Oxley Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Oxley Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-19**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Oxley Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **1.1740** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.2348** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.20 Melbourne Street Sub-tropical Boulevard Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-20**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Melbourne Street Sub-tropical Boulevard Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Melbourne Street Sub-tropical Boulevard Project is tabled "**OP-20**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Melbourne Street Sub-tropical Boulevard Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.7048** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1408** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.21 Holland Park Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-21**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Holland Park Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Holland Park Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-21**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Holland Park Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **0.9636** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.1928** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.22 Keperra Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-22**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Keperra Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.

- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Keperra Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-22**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Keperra Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **3.0760** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.6152** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

6.23 Grange Suburban Centre Improvement Project

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the map tabled "**SR-23**", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Grange Suburban Centre Improvement Project undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by or on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The overall plan for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Grange Suburban Centre Improvement Project is tabled "**OP-23**" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special rate shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on the unimproved value of *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the cost of the Grange Suburban Centre Improvement Project.
- (iv) The special rate on the unimproved value of all such *rateable land* shall be **1.5100** cents in the dollar for *non-residential purposes* land and **0.3020** cents in the dollar for *residential purposes* land.

7. SEPARATE RATES

7.1 Environmental Management and Compliance Levy

- (i) In the opinion of the Council, all *rateable land* in the City has benefited or will benefit from:
 - (a) the protection and enhancement of the natural environment by activities undertaken by Council including:
 - monitoring and enforcement of compliance by others with environmental and planning legislation
 - managing of environmental programs and initiatives
 - remediation of environmental problemseg: protection of air quality, waterways, sediment control, landfill issues and effluent discharge.
 - (b) the meeting of Council's obligations under *the Environment Protection Act 1994*
- (ii) A separate rate be made and levied for the *financial year* on all land in the City for or towards meeting the costs of the activities and facilities.
- (iii) Council considers that, it is appropriate that the separate rate be made and levied on the unimproved value of all land in accordance with the differential general rating categories:
 - for land in Category 1 a rate of **0.0236** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 2 a rate of **0.0708** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 3 a rate of **0.0308** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 4 a rate of **0.0312** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 5 a rate of **0.1172** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 6 a rate of **0.0708** cents in the dollar will apply
 - for land in Category 7 a rate of **0.0252** cents in the dollar will apply
- (iv) Despite (iii), **\$18.60** is fixed as the minimum amount payable as a separate rate for all benefited land as determined under (i).

8. SPECIAL CHARGES

8.1 Rural Fire Services Levy

- (i) All rateable land in the part of the City coloured pink on the maps tabled "SC-1.1" and "SC-1.2", in the opinion of the Council, has or will specifically benefit from, or has, or will have, special access to the service, facility or activity supplied or provided by the Rural Fire Services Levy undertaken [or proposed to be undertaken] by the respective rural fire brigades.
- (ii) The overall plans for the supply or provision of service facility or activity by the Rural Fire Services Levy are tabled "OPC-1.1" and "OPC-1.2" and adopted.
- (iii) It is determined that a special charge shall be made and levied for the *financial year* on *rateable land* identified above for or towards meeting the costs of the development of fire services in rural areas to provide adequate protection.
- (iv) The special charge on all such *rateable land* shall be **\$25.00**.

9. SEPARATE CHARGES

9.1 Bushland Preservation Levy – Environment Function

- (i) In the opinion of the Council all *rateable land* in the City has benefited or will benefit from:
- (ii) the acquisition and protection of natural bushland areas in the City and the provision of facilities for public access to those areas and
- (iii) the protection of other natural bushland areas in the City whether privately owned or otherwise
- (iv) undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the Council ("activities and facilities").
- (v) A separate charge be made and levied for the *financial year* on all *rateable land* in the City for or towards meeting the costs of the activities and facilities.
- (vi) The Council considers that, as in general the benefit to any particular *rateable land* from the activities and facilities cannot be distinguished from the benefit to any other particular *rateable land* from the activities and facilities, it is appropriate that the separate charge be made and levied equally on all *rateable land* in the City and accordingly determines that the separate charge on all *rateable land* in the City be **\$31.52**.

10. UTILITY CHARGES

10.1 Water Charges

Utility Charges for the supply of water services to land or premises in the City (Water Charges") are made and are to be levied for the financial year on:

- a) all land within 100 metres of a main supply
- b) premises within a Council declared service area for water services under the Water Act 2000

on the basis specified in the Water Charges Table below:

WATER CHARGES TABLE

Category	General Rate Category	Access	Consumption
<i>Residential Water Property</i>	1,7	\$110.00 p.a.	\$0.89 per kl
<i>Water Charges Rate 1 Commercial Water Property</i>	2,3,4,5,6	30% of water consumption charges Minimum \$110.00 p.a.	\$0.97 per kl
<i>Water Charges Rate 2 Commercial Water Property</i>	2,3,4,5,6	30% of water consumption charges Minimum \$110.00 p.a. Maximum \$29,100.00 p.a.	0 to 100,000kl p.a. \$0.97 per kl
			Above 100,000kl p.a. \$1.08 per kl
<i>No Water Service</i>	All	\$110.00 p.a.	N/A

The **Water Charges** table is subject to (i) to (xviii) below –

- (i) In respect of all residential and commercial water properties where:
 - (a) the **property** is not **vacant land** and a meter has not been installed or
 - (b) a meter is installed, but the reading is unable to be used or does not exist or the meter is found to be faulty

in the case where the **property** is located on a **community title scheme**, 160 kilolitres shall be deemed to be used for the **financial year** or in all other cases 270 kilolitres shall be deemed to be used for the **financial year** evenly apportioned over the number of **reading periods**, or at the discretion of the Retail **Manager**, Brisbane Water an average consumption from previous or subsequent **reading periods** may be substituted for that particular **reading period**.
- (ii) Where consumption has been deemed or averaged under (i) , if to the satisfaction of the Retail **Manager**, Brisbane Water the charges are excessive in comparison to charges based on actual readings for the first entire **reading period** after a meter has been installed, the original charges may be adjusted based on the actual readings for the later period.
- (iii) If the commencement of the **financial year** is within a **reading period**, the consumption shall be apportioned by the number of days in each **financial year** and the applicable charges for that particular **financial year** will be applied.
- (iv) A **property**'s general rating category will be used for the purpose of applying **water charges** as prescribed in the Water Charges Table.
- (v) In respect of all **Community Title Scheme** properties, total charges for consumption of water as registered by a water meter at the boundary of the **property**, shall be charged to the lot owners in accordance with the contribution schedule lot entitlement for each lot subject to (vi) below.
- (vi) In respect of all **Community Title Scheme** properties, the Body Corporate of the **Community Title Scheme** can elect to be charged on the following basis:
 - a) individual charges for consumption of water as measured by water meters attached to individual lots will be charged to the lot owner
 - b) common property consumption measured by either a separate meter or calculated as a variance between the boundary meter reading and the total of the individual lot readings, being charged to the Body Corporate; or
 - c) total charges for consumption of water as registered by a water meter at the boundary of the scheme **property** and including a water access charge of \$110.00 per lot will be charged to the Body Corporate.

The Retail **Manager**, Brisbane Water is delegated the power to determine whether Community Titles Scheme Properties may be charged on the basis of (vi).

- (vii) Where a *property* changes category during the *financial year*, *water charges* will be apportioned from the date of change at the appropriate rate as set out in the Water Charge Table.
- (viii) If in the case of (vii), a meter reading is not available at the date of the *property*'s change of category, an estimate of the reading based on past or subsequent readings will be determined to be used in applying (vii).
- (ix) The charges in the Water Charges Table shall be levied and payable by reference to *reading periods* and may be adjusted accordingly by the Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water to coincide with those *reading periods*.
- (x) To remain eligible for *Water Charges* Rate 2, the owner of a *property* must have on or before 1 January 2006 a water efficiency management plan approved by the Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water.
- (xi) If the owner of the *property* does not comply with (x) then from 1 January 2006, the *water charges* for that *property* will revert to *Water Charges* Rate 1.
- (xii) If the Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water should at any time during a *reading period*, form the opinion that the owner of a *property* is not complying with the terms of an approved water efficiency management plan for that *property*, then the *Manager* may rescind that approval by notice in writing to the owner.
- (xiii) If (xii) applies, *Water Charges* Rate 1 will apply to that *property* with effect from the commencement of the next *reading period* occurring immediately after the notice was given.
- (xiv) The Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water is delegated the power to:
 - a) approve, reject or terminate a water efficiency management plan
 - b) agree the terms and conditions of any water efficiency management plan.
- (xv) Where a property has a metered fire service, whether it is a separate or a combined service, Council will not charge for the first 72 kilolitres of water each year used by that service (the "testing allocation") provided that the testing allocation is used for the purpose of testing of the fire service including fire hose reels and hydrants in accordance with relevant fire safety standards and/or legislation.
- (xvi) Despite (xv) Council may upon application by the owner of premises which has a metered fire service, grant an exemption from charging for water used through that metered fire service for the purposes of fighting a fire on those premises.
- (xvii) The property owner must apply in writing within one month of the fire for a review of the charges for the billing period during which the fire occurred. The application must include evidence that a fire has occurred such as proof of attendance at the fire by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority or an approved insurance claim.
- (xviii) In calculating the amount of that exemption, Council will estimate the consumption that would have been used, if the fire had not occurred, by reference to past or subsequent readings for the premises.

10.2 Sewerage Charges and Sewerage Pedestal Charges

Utility Charges for the supply of sewerage services to land or premises in the City ("sewerage charges and sewerage pedestal charges") are made and are to be levied for the financial year on:

- a. all land that is seweraged premises
- b. premises within a Council declared service area for sewerage services under the Water Act 2000

on the basis specified below:

- (i) The utility charges for the supply of sewerage charges for all *property* (whether rateable or not) will have two components. These are:
- a) a sewerage charge of **\$357.36** per annum for each *property*, but if the *property* is a lot on a *Community Title Scheme* and used for a car parking space, storage cupboard, mini-storage unit, advertising hoarding or purposes of a like nature, the sewerage charge will be **\$110.00** per annum
 - b) a sewerage pedestal charge for each *property* as set out in the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table subject to the conditions set out in (ii) to (vii) following;
- (ii) Where a *property*:
- is in; or
 - if it were categorised would be in
- Differential Rating Category 1 or 7 determined under Section 4(a) of this Resolution then the charges as set out in the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table will not apply.
- (iii) Subject to (iv), the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table will be used to calculate the charge per pedestal for each *property*. The charge per pedestal will be assessed by determining the category/s of the *property*, the total number of pedestals connected within the *property* and the charge per pedestal specified in the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table.
- The sewerage pedestal charges for that *property* will be calculated by multiplying the applicable rate per pedestal in the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table by the total number of connected pedestals less one.
- (iv) In determining the total number of pedestals connected within a *retirement village*, where a *dwelling unit* or *dwelling house* is located in the *retirement village*, the number of pedestals for that *dwelling house* or *dwelling unit* will be counted as one.
- (v) The charge per pedestal may change if the total number of connected pedestals is altered during the financial year. A copy of the *Compliance Certificate*, indicating the number of pedestals removed or installed, must be provided to Brisbane Water before the charge is recalculated. The charge per pedestal will be apportioned from the date listed on the *Compliance Certificate*.
- (vi) In the case where the number of sewerage pedestals is unable to be obtained due to:
- a) the refusal of the *property* owner to supply pedestal numbers, or
 - b) the owner refuses Council access to the *property* for the purpose of determining or verifying the number of pedestals located on the *property*
- then at the discretion of the Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water an estimate of the number of pedestals will be determined for the *property* based on the sanitary requirements for the classification of any building/s located on the *property* as set out in the Building Code of Australia.
- (vii) In the case where (vi) applies then Sewerage Pedestal Charges will be calculated based on the “Other” category at the “Over 12 Pedestals” rate as set out in the Sewerage Pedestal Charge Table.

SEWERAGE PEDESTAL CHARGE TABLE

Type of Premises	Applicable Land Use Codes	2-8 Pedestals (each)	9-12 Pedestals (each)	Over 12 Pedestals (each)
Multi residential land, Hotels, Motels	3, 7, 42, 43, 49, 53	\$314.28	\$394.20	\$485.64
Retirement village	60	\$148.20	\$185.00	\$228.12
Child care centre	41	\$148.20	\$185.00	\$228.12
Convalescent Homes, Hospitals, Schools, Kindergartens, Community Protection Centres, Churches, Welfare Homes (excluding land used for the purpose of University or Tertiary education).	21, 27, 51, 58, 96, 97, 99	\$148.20	\$185.00	\$228.12
Not-for-Profit Sporting and Community Organisations (excluding land used for a commercial purpose).	48,50,57	\$148.20	\$185.00	\$228.12
Other	Not included elsewhere.	\$379.44	\$475.12	\$584.44
Major Sporting Stadiums owned by the Major Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) including and limited to: Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Suncorp Stadium, The Sleeman Centre at Chandler, Queensland Sport & Athletic Centre at Nathan and the Brisbane Cricket Ground at Woolloongabba	No specific code	\$357.36	\$357.36	\$357.36

10.3 Waste Management Service Charges

Waste Management Service Charges are made and to be levied for the *financial year* in accordance with the *Waste Management Service* Charge Table.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE TABLE

Waste Management Service Category	Charge per Service
Waste management, collection and disposal services including a 240 litre or 120 litre <i>mobile bin refuse service</i> .	\$204.64
Waste management, collection and disposal services including a <i>bulk bin refuse service</i> at a Community Titles Scheme.	\$204.64
Waste management, collection and disposal services including a <i>bulk bin refuse service</i> at other than a Community Titles Scheme.	\$235.24
Moreton Island waste collection and disposal service.	\$259.56
<i>Extra collection</i> of a waste <i>mobile bin</i> or <i>bulk bin</i> .	*

* The charge for each *extra collection* (waste) will be the same as for the original service.

except for:

- (i) *improved premises* occupied by any State or Commonwealth Government Department all *improved premises* within a *waste collection area* of the City shall be charged and pay for at least one *waste management service*
- (ii) instances where a request for an alteration to the number of additional or *extra* services represents a permanent change, the minimum period for which an alteration to the number of additional or *extra* services will be effective is 90 days. Where an alteration to the number of additional or *extra* services is further amended or reversed within 90 days from the *waste management service charges effective date*, those amendments will override the previous amendment and commence from the previous effective date;
- (iii) instances where the *waste management service* is altered for reasons such as *improved premises* being erected, destroyed, removed or demolished during the *financial year*, waste management charges shall be effective from the *waste management service charges effective date*
- (iv) *improved premises* existing at the commencement of the *financial year*, and which has not been previously assessed, the estimated number of services shall for all purposes be deemed to be a number determined by the *Manager* and the *Waste Management Service* Charges shall be payable in respect of the whole of the year unless the *Manager* otherwise determines
- (v) instances where it may be shown that the number of services recorded in respect of any *improved premises* is erroneous or ceased to be correct, the correct number shall be substituted and the *Waste Management Service* Charges shall be adjusted accordingly for a period not exceeding 12 months or from a date to be determined by the *Manager*.

Withdrawal of charges for unoccupied premises

Council may temporarily withdraw the charging of the *Waste Management Service* for any unoccupied *improved premises* provided;

- a. the *improved premises* is completely unoccupied for a period of not less than two consecutive *rating quarters*, and
- b. the *owner* of the *improved premises* provides written and signed notification to Council that the *premises* are or shall be unoccupied not less than thirty days before the commencement of a rating quarter, and
- c. where the *improved premises* is anticipated to remain unoccupied for a subsequent period of not less than two *rating quarters*, a fresh written and signed notification must be provided not less than thirty days before the expiration of the prior period, and
- d. the *owner* shall notify Council in writing immediately upon the occupation of the *improved premises*, providing the date on which occupancy recommenced, and
- e. *waste management charges* will continue to be applied to the quarterly rate accounts until the *owner* notifies Council that the property is again occupied. Upon this notification a retrospective credit of *waste management charges* for the period the *improved premises* were unoccupied will be raised against the rate account and be offset against charges for the *rating quarter* following such notification, and
- f. calculation of any credit of *waste management charges* will only commence from the *rating quarter* following receipt of the *owner's* notification or the commencement date of vacancy, whichever is the later, and

- g. *waste management charges* will be automatically reinstated at the end of two *rating quarters* unless written and signed notification has been provided by the *owner* seeking a continuation of the suspension within the time specified in (b) above. Notifications not received within the thirty days prior to the commencement of a *rating quarter* may not be processed from the ensuing *rating quarter*. In these cases, suspension may commence from the subsequent rating quarter.
- h. despite (e.) above and at the discretion of the Business *Manager* – Rates Processing, charges may be retrospectively credited at the end of each rating quarter, (or such other interval as deemed appropriate) that the premises continue to be unoccupied beyond the initial two consecutive rating quarter period.

11. GENERAL CHARGES

11.1 Fees and Charges

That pursuant to the powers of the Council conferred by Acts, By-laws and Local Laws the fees, dues and general charges as set forth in the budget documents entitled "Schedule of Fees and Charges 2005-06" and "Register of Regulatory Charges" are determined and adopted as such for the *financial year*. The fees and charges in this budget document represent the fees and charges set by Council at the date of the Budget Resolution. Council may alter any of the fees and charges in this booklet by resolution at any time prior to the next Budget Resolution.

12. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12.1 Levying of Rates and Utility Charges.

That all Differential General Rates, Separate Rates, Separate Charges, Special Rates, Special Charges and Utility Charges other than access charges and *water charges* which are wholly or in part calculated by reference to measurement are to be levied upon a rate account issued in relation to a quarter of the *financial year*. Adjustments in respect of Rates and Charges appearing on the Rate Account may be made from the date of effect of any such change. With respect to *water charges* which are wholly or in part calculated by reference to measurement, the charges are to be levied and payable by reference to *reading periods*. With respect to access charges, the charges are to be levied on a monthly or quarterly basis or such other period as the Retail *Manager*, Brisbane Water may decide.

12.2 Adoption of Revenue Statement.

Pursuant to the requirements of the *City of Brisbane Act 1924*, Council resolves to adopt the "Revenue Statement 2005-06" as tabled. The revenue statement has been prepared using the principles previously approved in Council's Revenue Policy 2005-06.

12.3 Discount on Differential General Rates.

That Differential General Rates, whether a quarterly instalment or otherwise for the *financial year*, be reduced by a discount equal to **\$60.00** per annum, or in the case where Differential General Rates are less than **\$60.00** per annum, the whole of the Differential General Rates, to any person who pays the entire amount due on the rate account inclusive of all arrears of rates, utility charges, separate charges, separate rates, special charges, special rates and all interest which shall be accrued on such arrears to the date of payment, but with the exception of general charges, within 30 days after the date of issue of the notice to that person to pay such sum.

12.4 Interest on Unpaid Rates and Utility Charges.

If the full amount of a rate or charge is not paid to the Council within 30 days after the date of issue of the notice by which the rate or charge is levied, the unpaid amount bears interest at **11** per cent per annum (compounding daily).

12.5 Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Where GST is applicable, all rates, charges and/or fees that are subject to GST are deemed to be increased by the amount of any such GST.

13. COMMONWEALTH LANDS

Charges to be made as per agreement from time to time with the Commonwealth Government.

LORD MAYOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS:

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) presented the speech below to support the budget estimates for the financial year ending 30 June 2006. A copy of the Lord Mayor's Budget Speech 2005-2006, was tabled, as was the Budget 2005-2006 document and the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2005-2006.

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR:

INTRODUCTION

Mr Chairman, 12 months ago I introduced my first budget as Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

That budget started delivering my election commitments to the people of Brisbane.

This year's budget is focused on the future.

It's a budget that continues to deliver for the mums and dads of this city – for the people who work hard to raise their families and pay their rates.

Importantly, it's a budget that focuses on getting Brisbane moving and improving our public transport.

In preparing this budget I had two main aims.

First, I wanted to focus on my priorities for 2005.

In particular, I wanted to make sure that we addressed congestion on our suburban roads.

I wanted to ensure we improved public transport; and that we planned for population growth and changing lifestyles.

Also, I wanted to increase community safety; protect and enhance our environment; show leadership on the provision of affordable housing; and make Brisbane a happening place to live, work and visit.

On top of this, I wanted to make Council more open and accountable, so that it could better manage our City's assets and finances.

My second aim was to deliver better value for our ratepayers.

Council needs to spend its money wisely and provide services that make the life of our citizens easier and safer.

We also need to make sure Council does not unnecessarily waste money.

This budget creates a new customer focus for Council and provides greater levels of transparency and accountability to the people of Brisbane.

Unlike Labor during its 13 years in office, we have nothing to hide.

That's why we've once again produced comprehensive and detailed budget papers that show where the money is coming from and where it is going.

This is a 'Can Do' budget that continues to promote fresh thinking and a commonsense approach to making Brisbane an even better place to live.

I am proud of what we have achieved and the commitment we are showing to getting on with the job.

OVERVIEW

Mr Chairman, this budget delivers on my commitment to get on with the job of making Brisbane a better place.

It focuses on getting Brisbane moving and making Council a more responsive and customer-focused organisation.

Importantly, it continues to deliver on my election commitments and my desire to ensure better value for the people of Brisbane.

Over the next 12 months we will increase expenditure across the board.

We will spend more on our parks, libraries, roads and environment than ever before; and we will invest in the future, by spending record amounts on capital works.

I will also deliver on my commitment to keep the average increase in net rates and charges for owner-occupied properties below the rate of inflation.

With inflation estimated at 2.75 per cent over the next financial year, I am today pleased to confirm that rates and charges for the average Brisbane owner-occupied home will rise by just 2.63 per cent.

It is important to note that this outcome has been achieved in spite of the upward pressure on valuations for owner-occupied properties, which have increased by nearly 55 per cent over the past 12 months.

In delivering on my rates promise, we are demonstrating a commitment to fiscal restraint that was rarely shown by the previous Labor administration.

We are also demonstrating a commitment to provide better value to the ratepayers of Brisbane.

Today's budget builds on last year's record for capital works expenditure.

By allocating a record \$488 million in capital, we can focus on reducing traffic congestion, building new local roads, improving parks and buying buses.

We can also continue addressing 13 years of Labor neglect and save money for the future.

The capital works budget I am announcing today contains some exciting projects.

It will allow us to spend another \$27 million on new, air-conditioned, environmentally friendly natural gas buses; \$85.9 million to progress TransApex; \$64.5 million to reduce the environmental impact that our sewerage system has on creeks and waterways; \$4.75 million to continue developing new signature parks at Sandgate/Shorncliffe and Wynnum/Manly; and over \$11 million to acquire 'at-risk' bushland.

We will also reserve nearly \$62 million for future infrastructure needs and invest significant amounts on things that are important to our community.

That means spending nearly \$2.8 million on libraries; continuing to fund free childhood immunisation; spending \$500,000 on CitySafe initiatives; and allocating an additional \$512,000 to maintain increased grass cutting in parks.

Importantly, I am able to deliver these commitments without raising net rates and charges for the average owner-occupied property by more than inflation.

Mr Chairman, Labor has an appalling track record when it comes to rates.

During its last 10 years in office, Labor allowed rates to almost double – they increased by nearly three times the rate of inflation.

Times have changed – and they are for the better.

Over the next year we want to send a very clear message about the importance of water conservation.

That's why we have agreed to a four cent per kilolitre increase in the price of residential water.

With the impact of the drought, Brisbane Water expects average household water costs to decrease by 2.2 per cent during 2005-06.

Waste, sewerage and bushland charges will be maintained in line with inflation. Sporting and community groups that implement water management plans will benefit from reduced water charges.

These organisations play an important role in our community and a reduction in the cost of maintaining their grounds and facilities will assist them to better serve the residents of Brisbane.

This budget also maintains commitments we made last year.

Aged care organisations will continue to receive a remission on sewerage pedestal charge increases.

Mr Chairman, I am very pleased to deliver this budget – and I am very much looking forward to continue delivering for the people of Brisbane, and getting on with the job of making this a more liveable city.

LIVEABLE BRISBANE

Mr Chairman, this budget continues to deliver on Brisbane City Council's commitment to liveability.

As the centre of the fastest growing region in Australia and fifth fastest growing region in the world, Brisbane is confronted with many challenges.

There's the ongoing challenge of housing affordability. The need to protect our environment and provide resources – like water – to our growing population.

There's also the problem of traffic congestion; and the fact that after years of neglect, the city's road infrastructure and public transport system need significant upgrades.

As Lord Mayor, I am focused on making sure Brisbane becomes an even better place to live, work and play.

This budget is not all about tunnels.

It's about achieving a balance. A balance between building much needed infrastructure, delivering on the basics, and planning for the future.

For me, the basics are simple.

First we've got the essentials like roads, rates and rubbish.

We've also got to provide better, more comfortable and efficient public transport.

We've got to make sure our residents are safe; that we do all we can to protect our environment; and that we use our power and influence to facilitate affordable accommodation and good urban design.

We also need to make Council more accountable and transparent, whilst doing all we can to encourage and support business.

As for the future – the Brisbane we leave for our children and future generations – I want to make sure this magnificent part of the world remains a prosperous, vibrant, subtropical city, enjoyed by residents, admired by visitors and respected nationally and internationally for its achievements.

I believe this budget strikes that balance.

It builds on commitments we made last year and seeks to deliver greater value for Brisbane residents and ratepayers.

REDUCING CONGESTION AND IMPROVING SUBURBAN ROADS

In July 2002 I released Moving Brisbane – a comprehensive blueprint for a modern and efficient transport system.

Moving Brisbane addressed every component of our traffic and transport network – from roads and river crossings, to buses and bikes. It provided a long-term vision for a transport system that offered Brisbane residents choice, convenience and confidence.

Mr Chairman, today's budget is aimed at getting Brisbane moving.

It is aimed at addressing Labor's 13 years of neglect – and getting Brisbane ready for the future.

Over the next 12 months we will undertake long-term transport planning and start delivering major infrastructure improvement projects, like TransApex.

We will build better and safer roads; enhance our bus and ferry services; and promote alternative modes of transport, such as walking and cycling.

To do this, funding for traffic and transport initiatives will increase by more than 23 per cent, to a record \$554 million.

TransApex

One of my key priorities for 2005 is building world-class infrastructure to improve our roads and make sure Brisbane is well placed to grow economically.

There's a real traffic problem in Brisbane that extends from the city centre all the way out to our suburban streets.

Sadly, there's no quick fix and we have to invest a lot of money before we start seeing any results.

When Moving Brisbane was released, I outlined TransApex – my vision to reduce congestion by providing new river crossings and connections to link existing motorways and major arterial roads.

My team proposed five strategic road links: – a tunnel connecting Woolloongabba with the Inner City Bypass at Bowen Hills; a link between the Inner City Bypass and the new alignment of the Gateway Arterial Road; a connection between Hale Street and South Brisbane; a tunnel to connect the Western Freeway with the Inner City Bypass; and a link between Stones Corner and Toowong.

What did Labor say about TransApex?

They said it couldn't be done – they said it was “a five tunnel fantasy”.

While Labor is only interested in playing politics, I am committed to doing something about traffic congestion in this city.

Over the past 12 months we have undertaken a pre-feasibility study that found TransApex is technically and financially viable.

We have also received much appreciated financial support from the Commonwealth and State governments.

The challenge now is to get on with the job and make TransApex a reality.

Construction of the North-South Bypass tunnel is due to commence in 2006.

To progress work on this tunnel, Council will spend \$60 million over the next financial year.

A further \$25.871 million will be spent on detailed feasibility studies of the Airport and Hale Street links.

Improving Our Roads

Building tunnels is not our only priority.

Over the next 12 months, Council will spend more than \$158 million to improve and maintain existing roads.

This 10.2 per cent increase in funding demonstrates a strong commitment to keeping Brisbane moving.

It also allows us to spend \$30.394 million resurfacing roads; more than \$4 million rehabilitating footpaths and bikeways; and nearly \$7 million to replace kerb and channelling.

Grass along our roadways will be better maintained with a \$600,000 boost to increase the number of cuts.

Mr Chairman, after 13 years of Labor's neglect, there are many roads and footpaths throughout Brisbane that desperately need attention.

Unfortunately, one that we can't ignore is Labor's flawed floating walkway.

In 2005-06, Council will have to spend \$310,000 to repair this poorly designed structure so that it meets safety standards.

We will also spend \$120,000 to install CCTV cameras on the Story Bridge.

When a peak hour accident occurs on the Story Bridge the inner-city generally comes to a halt.

Video evidence and monitoring of Story Bridge traffic will improve accident response times by almost an hour. This will prove a real benefit to all commuters using this important river crossing.

Council will also spend \$7.7 million to continue work on extending Progress Road; \$16.7 million fixing the intersection of Boundary and Kelliher roads; and nearly \$5 million to build new bikeways, including the bikeway component of greenways.

BETTER, MORE COMFORTABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Reducing Brisbane's traffic congestion problem requires a balanced solution.

I recognise that TransApex will not provide all the answers for traffic across the city.

That's why I am committed to making sure Brisbane has an efficient and reliable public transport system – a public transport system that provides a real choice for commuters – that gets people where they want, on time and in comfort.

A Better Bus Network

One of the key priorities of Moving Brisbane is to continue building on our success in transforming Brisbane's buses.

Over the past 12 months we have seen unprecedented growth in the number of bus passengers.

For first time in 30 years we will have carried more than 52 million passengers on our buses in a financial year.

That's a massive increase over the last financial year of more than nine per cent – an increase that compares very favourably to the 1.15 per cent decrease Labor managed during its first year in office.

To build on this success, \$33.5 million has been allocated to continue upgrading our bus infrastructure.

Delivering on a commitment to purchase 240 new buses during my first term in office, we will spend nearly \$27 million to purchase another 60 environmentally friendly, air-conditioned, modern buses during 2005-06.

Of these buses, two will be articulated – and all of them will be built here in Brisbane, using local workers and developing local skills.

Mr Chairman, it must be noted that it took Labor eight years to purchase just 237 buses, yet we will pass this number in just four.

Council will also work harder to deliver better, more frequent bus services for residents.

Last year I was very pleased to provide a much needed new bus service for the residents of Kuraby.

This year I am committing funds to continue this service for Kuraby and to introduce innovative bus services for residents in outer suburban areas, like Bald Hills.

To further improve services, we will continue working with the State Government to ensure Translink meets the needs and expectations of Brisbane residents.

Air-conditioned Buses

Providing a good public transport system is not just about the frequency of service and the cost of a ticket.

Comfort is also important.

For too long Brisbane's buses have not provided adequate comfort levels.

In our subtropical climate it's hard to believe that the previous Labor administration failed to air-condition more than one-third of Brisbane's buses.

With summer temperatures regularly in the mid-to-high thirties there's little wonder that residents stayed away from having to endure a journey on our hot and sweaty buses.

Mr Chairman, I am very proud of the fact that after just 12 months in office we now have an extra 140 air-conditioned buses on the road.

That's 140 more reasons for Brisbane residents to catch a bus – and the difference this has made goes without saying.

Already we have seen an extra 1.4 million passengers on our buses during summer months.

With another 140 air-conditioned buses on the road by the end of June 2006 – and with more than 75 per cent of the fleet air-conditioned by this date – I hope to see even more people leaving their cars at home and using public transport.

Better Ferry Services

This week Council proudly takes delivery of its tenth CityCat.

Purchased with funds allocated in last year's budget, this vessel will help us considerably improve ferry services.

Ferries are an iconic part of Brisbane. They enable us to make good use of the river for commuter, tourist and recreational travel.

Over the next 12 months we will plan for the development of our ferry network and increase expenditure on services by more than eight per cent to nearly \$17 million.

We will also plan for the purchase of another CityCat in the 2006-07 financial year; and spend \$2 million to upgrade existing facilities.

Clean and Green Transport

Every morning – all over Brisbane – there are thousands of Brisbane residents taking advantage of our subtropical climate by cycling and walking for recreation.

Increasing traffic congestion creates the need to harness this interest and encourage people to use active and healthy alternatives to driving.

Through investment in facilities and resources, Council will make alternative modes of transport – like walking and cycling – safer and more attractive.

Almost \$46 million will be spent over the coming year to promote clean and green transport, while a further \$2 million will create local bike links and better pedestrian walkways.

We will also improve public transport services for residents who are not presently serviced effectively by our buses, trains and ferries.

Starting in the next financial year we will provide \$150,000 to implement a new initiative – Personalised Public Transport.

In its first year this initiative will utilise Maxi Taxis to transport commuters during morning and afternoon peaks from Canterbury Estate, Bald Hills; and Carindale Hills, Carindale, to their nearest bus interchange, or railway station.

These are two suburban areas where approved development patterns have limited access by public transport.

An additional \$50,000 will be provided to extend Council Cab services to areas like Bellbowrie and Karana Downs.

Combined with the \$42.4 million being spent to construct the Green Bridge, this is the biggest ever commitment the Brisbane City Council has made to encourage a reduction in private car use.

DESIGNED FOR SUBTROPICAL LIVING

As the centre of the fastest growing region in Australia, this is an exciting time for Brisbane.

With a growing population there comes an increasing need to properly plan our city and suburbs.

Our ageing population and rapidly changing lifestyles only serve to make this need more urgent.

Over the next financial year Council will continue to focus on Neighbourhood Planning and creating the flexibility needed to encourage exciting and innovative development within our city.

We will also work to provide greater certainty for the development community, while implementing measures to reduce delays in approval processes.

Strategy for the Future

A major priority is to ensure the Brisbane City Council proactively plans and manages growth. There are too many examples of cities that have grown without concern for the well-being of residents, or the protection of heritage assets and natural resources.

I do not want Brisbane to follow down this path.

As Lord Mayor I am committed to strategic land-use planning and the development of plans that will guide – and provide greater certainty for – residents and developers.

This budget provides funds to create some real plans for the future.

Over the next 12 months, money has been provided for the completion of three very important plans – the Upper Kedron/Ferny Grove Local Plan; the Rochedale Master Plan; and the new City Centre Master Plan – which I promised prior to my election as Lord Mayor.

Support will also be available to commence the urban renewal of West End, Woolloongabba and South Brisbane.

Urban renewal in this important part of our city will better populate these areas and create opportunities for people wanting to live closer to the CBD.

Planning for Better Neighbourhoods

My team is determined to take a fresh approach to planning for Brisbane's future.

We are determined to properly engage the community and develop truly local plans.

In 2005-06 we will spend \$4 million to continue engaging local residents in the development of a future vision for this city and our neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Planning is one of the most important projects ever undertaken by this Council and I am sure the results will speak for themselves.

The opportunity this initiative offers Brisbane residents to learn about planning and play an active role in shaping the future of this city is quite exciting.

Our plans for the improvement of suburban centres and new public art are also exciting.

Nearly \$20 million will be spent over the next three years to build SCIPs in Annerley, Acacia Ridge, Ashgrove, Bracken Ridge, Clayfield, Coorparoo, Indooroopilly, Zillmere, Taringa, Upper Mt Gravatt and West End.

We will also investigate a SCIP for Cannon Hill.

In particular, this allocation will allow us to spend almost \$7 million over the next 12 months – providing there is agreement from local property owners – to build new SCIPs in Indooroopilly, Zillmere and two other suburbs.

Making life easier for builders and renovators

My commitment to cutting this Council's red-tape is without question.

If there is something we are doing that does not make sense – or causes undue delay or distress for our residents and ratepayers – then it needs to be reviewed.

Since becoming Lord Mayor I have been concerned about the amount of time it takes for Council to process development applications.

That's why today I am announcing a number of measures to reduce the backlog and ease the burden on those relying on our decisions.

From 1 July we will provide an additional \$2.7 million to help Council officers get on with the job of dealing with applications.

New funding will even allow us to establish an independent design review panel that provides design advice on key Council projects and major development approval processes.

This budget also recognises that many residents and community groups are grappling with the challenge of owning and maintaining heritage properties.

To ease the burden of caring for our city's heritage, a new heritage unit incentive scheme will be created to provide community education, as well as technical and financial assistance, to the owners and custodians of heritage listed properties.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr Chairman, I have been rather vocal about the fact that we have a homelessness problem in our city.

It's a problem that shouldn't exist in Brisbane.

It's a problem that the previous Labor administration failed to address properly – a problem that some people think is glamorous, and a sign of a tolerant city.

Well, Mr Chairman, I have some news for these people – homelessness is not glamorous.

There's nothing glamorous about having homeless people sleeping rough in bus shelters, or on park benches – there's no joy to be had in seeing our fellow human beings without decent food, shelter and access to basic necessities.

As Lord Mayor, I am determined to ensure that Council starts to show some leadership on this issue.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to do something that few – if any – other local governments in this country are doing.

By contributing \$2 million to assist in the provision of housing for people on low and moderate incomes we will be able to make a real difference to the supply of affordable housing in this city.

We will also provide more than \$1 million to remit rates and various Council charges to people who offer low cost accommodation.

A further \$410,000 will be given to support Sleepsafe and the Red Cross Night Café, while Bayside Adolescent Boarding Incorporated will be assisted with a grant of \$60,000 to deliver coordinated local youth activities.

A CLEANER, GREENER CITY

Other than its residents, Brisbane's natural environment is its greatest asset.

As an avid fan of Moreton Island and our mountain hinterlands I know the importance of protecting and sustaining our environment and natural resources.

Importantly – as a parent – I appreciate and value the quality and accessibility of our parks and reserves.

It is for these reasons that I am committed to ensuring my Administration makes Brisbane a cleaner, greener city.

Making Brisbane More Attractive

This budget reinforces my commitment to Brisbane's environment and parks by increasing funding by almost nine per cent, or more than \$9 million.

By allocating \$486,000 to provide free plants for ratepayers, community groups and schools, it encourages tree planting and the preservation of significant trees and landscapes across the city.

Importantly, funding will now allow us to extend this very popular program – so that free trees are available to new Australian citizens and children attending grade one classes in Brisbane schools.

Mr Chairman, over the past 12 months I have attended many Green It Up Truck Days across Brisbane.

These events are always very popular and well received.

That's why we will have a further 12 Green It Up Truck Days across the city during the next financial year.

It's also why we will build on the success of these events to launch Brisbane's first ever Garden Expo and Green Days, which will be held in six locations across the city over the next 12 months.

My budget also addresses problems caused by street trees that are not maintained.

Council has always adopted a reactive approach to dealing with street tree maintenance.

Today, I am pleased to announce that we will spend \$600,000 on targeted preventative street tree maintenance, over the coming year. A further \$1.8 million has been allocated in the forward estimates to continue this program in the future.

Protecting Brisbane's Bushland

Managing growth while maintaining biodiversity is a major issue for the Brisbane City Council.

While Brisbane is currently recognised as the most biodiverse capital in Australia, it is also the centre of the fastest growing region of the country – and that creates some very serious challenges.

One of my commitments on becoming Lord Mayor was to ensure Council acquired high conservation value bushland, wetland and strategic corridor linkages by using all funds collected by the Bushland Preservation Levy on capital acquisition.

This important commitment doubled the amount of funds Labor allocated during its last year in office.

Throughout 2005-06 we will continue delivering on this commitment.

We will also continue to encourage and maintain conservation partnerships with private landholders, by providing \$600,000 for this initiative over the next three years.

A 50 per cent funding increase to wipe out weeds will well and truly complement this commitment.

This \$750,000 allocation will target locations where Council has Catchment Coordinators in place.

City of Diverse and Beautiful Parks

There are very few Brisbane residents who haven't enjoyed at least one of this city's great parks.

With 1,969 parks covering 12,903 hectares, I think we can justifiably claim to be a green city.

As Lord Mayor I want to ensure Brisbane has a diverse – well maintained and connected – park network, which offers recreation opportunities for all community needs.

Over the next 12 months we will increase expenditure on our parks by nearly 11 per cent.

Significantly, we will increase capital expenditure by almost 24 per cent.

This increased spending will allow us to appreciably enhance our parks and focus on providing important amenities, like shelters and taps on bikeways; and scooter paths for young people.

It will also enable Councillors to continue meeting community requests to improve parks, build minor works and support community activities, by contributing \$125,000 each year to the Ward Community Development and Parks Trust Funds.

Funding will also be available for new parks and facilities.

During 2005-06 we will spend \$4.75 million to continue developing the new signature waterfront parks at Shorncliffe/Sandgate and Wynnum/Manly that I promised before becoming Lord Mayor.

Emphasis will be also placed on making sure our parks are clean, well maintained and have working facilities such as toilets and barbeques.

Throughout the next financial year Council will make our parks more accessible to families by spending an additional \$512,000 to maintain the increased grass cuts in parks provided in my first budget.

To lead by example, \$152,000 has been allocated to reduce water use in parks through the refurbishment, replacement, repair and maintenance of taps. This initiative will combine with our efforts to replace approximately 20 wood barbecues, with more environmentally friendly electric barbecues.

Council will also spend \$154,000 – and a further \$300,000 in out years – to refurbish, repair and maintain degraded memorials and cultural items in our parks.

These important contributions to local parks will be matched by a significant boost in funding for the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens; and improvements to the City Botanic Gardens and Dutton Park.

Over the coming financial year, funding for Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens will exceed \$3 million for the first time; while work will start on a new \$160,000 Camellia Arbour to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the City Botanic Gardens.

Sustainability

Mr Chairman, Council has for many years spent money on air quality and greenhouse studies, reports and papers.

Curiously, we haven't seen the implementation of many good initiatives.

Over the next 12 months I want Council to focus on delivering consistent and determined outcomes for Brisbane's residents.

That means we have to start implementing cost-effective and practical measures to improve the sustainability of Council's activities.

Waste reduction and recycling

To create a sustainable city, we must minimise our waste and reduce air, land and water pollution.

No longer can we tolerate minor indiscretions, or simply sit back and hope that waste reduction goals are met.

In Brisbane, waste per capita is increasing by one per cent per annum.

This situation is simply not sustainable.

That's why over the next 12 months Council will encourage practical, cost-effective, waste minimisation and re-cycling initiatives.

We will investigate the provision of recycling bins for small business; and commence a CBD recycling trial for residents living in multi-unit dwellings.

Brisbane residents will also continue to receive five general waste and green waste refuse vouchers each year.

To improve and enhance this highly successful initiative, we will now provide community groups with five general waste and green waste refuse vouchers annually.

Furthermore, we will increase to 10 the number of vouchers that can be used in any single visit to a transfer station.

Throughout 2005-06 Council will work to improve community use and understanding of kerbside recycling by spending \$880,000 to increase industry and community awareness.

With advances in manufacturing technology and collection techniques, there are now increasingly more items that can be recycled in Brisbane's yellow-topped recycling bins.

I am confident that improved awareness will help increase recycling yields and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill – making this money well spent.

Sustainable Lifestyles

By giving a \$500 rebate to the first 500 people who build or buy a home that has sustainable elements, Council will be showing its strong commitment to encouraging sustainable living.

An even stronger commitment will be shown to promoting sustainable water use.

As something we have long taken for granted, it is not easy to change community attitudes and behaviours relating to water usage.

For Brisbane, the need to conserve water has never been greater.

That's why this budget reiterates my commitment to dealing with water management issues and cleaning up our waterways.

Over the coming financial year we will encourage more sustainable water use and management.

We will encourage water recycling; grey water reuse; domestic water saving packages; and the continuation of our highly successful rainwater tank rebates, which will be available to residential users and sporting clubs on Council owned land.

I have also provided over \$1 million to support campaigns that communicate with residents on the severity of the drought.

When it comes to water use, Council must lead by example.

During the next financial year Council will spend \$1 million to improve the way it manages leaks in its water and sewerage system.

It will also spend more than \$107 million to repair and enhance water and sewerage services.

Importantly, \$64.5 million will be spent to reduce the environmental impacts that our sewerage system has on creeks and waterways – including \$17.5 million on a new commitment to remove nitrogen at the Wynnum Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Healthy Waterways

Protecting our river, bay and waterways is something I take very seriously.

Continuing a commitment from last year, this budget contains significant funding for better management and enhancement of our waterways and their ecosystems.

Expenditure of \$551,000 over the next year will enable us to continue supporting events like the Riverfestival, Riversymposium and Riverclean.

Funding will also provide for the recruitment of two more Creek Catchment Coordinators; further fulfilling my commitment to community based catchment groups.

During 2005-06, a total of \$450,000 will be spent employing six coordinators for the Bulimba, Moggill, Oxley, Enoggera, Norman and north-east creek catchments.

Additional money will be spent over the coming year to continue addressing the degraded state of the Brisbane River, Bramble Bay and our freshwater creeks.

Importantly, we will increase by 30 per cent spending on measures to prevent stormwater pollution of our waterways.

Mr Chairman, I – like many others – am disgusted with the awful state of Oxley Creek.

Over the next financial year, critical attention will be paid to developing a Rehabilitation Master Plan for Oxley Creek, with funding of \$220,000 specifically provided for this project.

I am also pleased to announce that we will spend \$960,000 to build and rehabilitate wharves, jetties and pontoons; and \$500,000 to support the construction of rowing facilities at Sumners Road, Riverhills.

This much needed expenditure will help improve access to creek corridors, the river and bay and provide new facilities for Brisbane residents who enjoy fishing, recreational water sports and activities.

Doing Something About Brisbane's Flooding Problem

One of the most disturbing things I have witnessed as Lord Mayor, is the way that flooding regularly affects the lives of Brisbane residents.

In a modern city, it is unacceptable to think there are people who live in fear of heavy rain and storms.

For too long Council has failed to take this problem seriously.

I am constantly angered to see the number of developments the previous Labor administration approved in flood prone areas.

What's more distressing is the fact that Labor refused to publicly release flood reports and information.

Since my election, Council has taken a new approach to dealing with Brisbane's flooding problem.

No longer will Council sweep this issue under the carpet; or continue to fob off residents who continue to have their lives devastated by the impact of flooding.

Today's budget increases funding for flood management by \$12.8 million, or more than 16 per cent.

This money will give us the resources to better educate residents about flooding; it will ensure we can continue to make Council-commissioned flood reports publicly available; and it will provide support for a new flood awareness campaign.

Importantly, it will dedicate nearly \$18 million – over the next 12 months – to reduce the impact of local high priority flooding in residential areas; and to minimise flooding on residential living and utility areas.

For the first time in 10 years, we will also clearly allocate money to clean debris from major waterways. Not only will this measure have a positive impact on our environment; it will permit potential flood waters to escape more freely.

A HAPPENING PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT

Mr Chairman, for Brisbane to continue growing we need to attract more jobs and businesses to our city.

We also need to encourage and facilitate creativity, learning and culture.

Over the past 12 months, Council has given unprecedented support to Brisbane's business community, its artists and community organisations.

We have also made significant commitments to boost the work of Brisbane Marketing and our investment attraction agency, Velocity Brisbane.

As Lord Mayor, I want to ensure residents of this city prosper – I want to ensure that Brisbane is seen as a great place to invest; a rewarding place to work; a happening place to visit; and above all, a fantastic place to live.

Brisbane Business

Much of our prosperity is dependent on the success of local business.

With 94 per cent of our 80,000 businesses employing less than 20 people, it's the hard work of 'mum and dad' operations that drive Brisbane's economic performance.

To help these businesses, Council needs to provide and encourage investment in infrastructure, knowledge and skills.

It also needs to reduce the burden of red-tape.

Over the next 12 months, Council will spend nearly \$1.5 million to support the development of business in Brisbane.

Funding will also enable the review of all Council's imposts on business to identify how we can ease the burden on the people who are bringing jobs and wealth to this city.

A New Era in Marketing Brisbane

Attracting more tourists is a way of enhancing the way our city is seen by business leaders and investors.

That's why I am determined to work very closely with Brisbane Marketing to develop a new campaign to promote Brisbane – interstate and ultimately overseas.

During the 2005-06 financial year we will spend more than \$21 million to promote Brisbane locally, nationally and internationally.

This money will be used to highlight Brisbane's potential as a great place to invest, a good place to do business and a happening place to visit.

My goal is for Brisbane to be known around the world as a smart thinking, easy living, world-class city – a city that is creative – a city that encourages new ideas and thinking.

To help achieve this goal Council will increase funding to Brisbane Marketing from \$2.354 million this year, to more than \$3.854 million over the next financial year – an increase of 64 per cent.

In receiving these funds, Brisbane Marketing will have the support necessary to launch a new and exciting interstate marketing campaign.

It will also be able to establish a new initiative to enhance Brisbane's appeal as a tourist destination.

For many years we have watched as major events have bypassed Brisbane.

I want this trend to change.

That's why we will establish Major Events Brisbane, which – under the direction of Brisbane Marketing – will identify and facilitate sporting, cultural and business events for this city.

In its first year, Major Events Brisbane will provide support and assistance to the Fifth General Assembly of the World Technopolis Association; and the Giro Di Brisbane, a 100 kilometre cycling event that will attract competitors from around the world.

As a further boost to the way Brisbane is marketed, Council will transfer direction of ourbrisbane.com to Brisbane Marketing.

This move will generate significant savings and enable ourbrisbane.com to take a more aggressive approach to building new sources of revenue.

Making our Malls Better

Our commitment to tourism and making Brisbane an even more liveable city, does not stop with support to Brisbane Marketing.

Over the next financial year we will spend \$607,000 to build a new visitor information centre in the Queen Street Mall.

We will also spend \$1.9 million over the next three financial years to refurbish the Brunswick Street and Chinatown malls.

A new Artist in the Mall program will also be established to further enliven the Queen Street Mall.

This program will rotate public art into the mall, to give it a new and vibrant entrance and further enhance our commitment to the economic vitality, animation and amenity of this significant commercial, retail and tourism hub.

Celebrating City Hall

Mr Chairman, for most people, this building represents the heart and soul of Brisbane.

Over the past 75 years City Hall has become a landmark – around which our city has grown and developed.

Sadly it has been badly neglected by previous administrations.

To help restore this building and make sure it serves its purpose as the “People’s Place”, we will spend \$2.45 million over the coming year to improve and expand access to City Hall.

Renovating the Ithaca Auditorium and improving the Sherwood Room will allow us to continue encouraging community based non-profit organisations back into this magnificent building.

A Creative City

Funds have also been provided in this budget to ensure Brisbane is a diverse and vibrant city that encourages and supports creativity, innovation and culture.

During the next financial year, we will encourage and support local communities to develop and enliven their own cultural identities, activities and entertainment.

We will also increase funding for Brisbane Powerhouse by nearly 12 per cent – to ensure it continues to be a centre for live and contemporary performing arts.

I can remember the howls of concern when I was elected about what would happen to Brisbane Powerhouse.

Today, I hope those who spread stories of doom and gloom are able to recognise that this funding – which is backed by an unprecedented three year funding agreement – will give Brisbane Powerhouse certainty for the future.

We are also going to expand our highly successful and popular program of screening movies in local parks.

Last year this program was trialed in four suburban parks across this city.

Due to its overwhelming success, we will give families the opportunity to enjoy free movies in 10 local parks over the next financial year.

Support is also provided to encourage artistic endeavour amongst our school children.

Starting in the 2005-06 financial year, Council will launch a new band, drama and choir competition for school students. This event will culminate in a concert on the River Stage at the City Botanic Gardens.

We will also encourage creativity among university students by supporting the Queensland University of Technology to develop local news and current affairs content for community television.

Funding of \$30,000 will provide student bursaries in media and communications and assist QUT students to report stories relevant to Brisbane.

In addition to our ongoing support for the Museum of Brisbane, we will make a significant contribution of \$175,000 to the “MacArthur Museum”.

I am confident that our support will help make this important and historical museum more accessible to greater numbers of local residents and visitors.

City of Festivals

Mr Chairman, since becoming Lord Mayor I have had the opportunity to attend many of Brisbane’s diverse, vibrant and enriching festivals.

Festivals and events contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of our city – and bring benefits to the whole community.

Over the next financial year, Council will deliver transparency and certainty for festival organisers by changing existing funding arrangements.

From now on, City Signature events and Community festivals will be supported for three years – while new festivals will be eligible to attract annual funding.

These changes will deliver certainty of funding for festivals and events like Riverfestival, Brisbane Festival, the Mountain to Mangroves Festival, Zillmere Multicultural Festival, Straight Out of Brisbane, St Patrick’s Day, Vietnamese New Moon, 4MBS Classics and Paniyiri.

Funding of \$270,000 will be available for fully contestable grants to support new festivals.

Strengthening Our Libraries

One of Labor’s most misleading tactics over the past year has been to try and scare Brisbane residents with the threat of library closures.

Just last week, a Labor Councillor was again stirring up local concern about the future of the Banyo Library.

Today I want to put this nonsense to rest once and for all.

I have no plans to close any of Brisbane’s libraries.

What’s more, if there were any plans, they would have to come from the Labor Chairperson responsible for libraries.

Put simply, the only way a library will close in Brisbane over the next three years will be if the idea is proposed and supported by Labor Councillors.

Let’s look at Labor’s record.

When Labor was running this city, they closed two libraries and wound back opening hours in 16 others.

If it wasn’t for community dissent, they would have closed even more.

Unlike Labor, I am fully committed to Brisbane's libraries.

I am committed to making sure Council plays its role by ensuring our community is better informed with accessible and quality books – and that residents have opportunities for learning new and advanced skills.

That's why over the next 12 months, I will provide an additional \$2.779 million for our libraries.

This funding increase of more than eight per cent means great things for Brisbane.

It means that the Banyo Library will definitely not close – in fact it means that no library will close.

Additional funding will also enable us to spend almost \$3.5 million on a new state-of-the-art icon library in Brisbane Square; and continue seven-day operations at Indooroopilly, Carindale and Garden City libraries.

Mr Chairman, I am also pleased to announce today that plans for a new library at Kenmore can proceed.

The new Kenmore Library – which will be operated by the Council, in the same way as every other library – will be housed in a purpose-built facility that is owned and managed by a private sector partner.

Developing new libraries in this way will ensure Council's funds are tied up in books and computers, rather than bricks and mortar.

One Book Many Brisbanes

Encouraging Brisbane residents to write books to put in our libraries is also important.

Over the next year Council will launch a new competition One Book Many Brisbanes, which is aimed at developing and harnessing literary talent in this city.

With the theme "Brisbane", this competition will be open to our up-and-coming writers – as well as those invited to the Brisbane Writers' Festival.

Each year, the ten winning entrants will have their work published in an anthology to be available at Brisbane libraries and supporting bookshops.

A SAFER, HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE

Making Brisbane a safer and healthier place to live is a challenge that I take very seriously.

Over the past 12 months, we have witnessed a range of incidents that have threatened the safety and security of residents across this city.

We have also seen an increasing amount of evidence to suggest that people are not leading active and healthy lifestyles.

A city cannot be truly prosperous unless it is committed to promoting health and protecting the safety and security of its citizens.

While I know we cannot totally fix all Brisbane's health and safety problems, I am absolutely determined to do everything we can to help.

I am not going to ignore these problems, or put them in the too hard basket.

For the first time, this year's budget places a strong emphasis on our natural resources – and especially our residents.

By creating a new program area – Healthy and Sustainable Brisbane – this budget better aligns funding to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life enjoyed by people in Brisbane.

Importantly, it recognises that Council has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our residents.

Active and Healthy

The health of our residents is vital to Brisbane's ongoing economic prosperity and liveability.

Promoting active and healthy lifestyles is an important responsibility for Council.

It's a responsibility that we take very seriously.

That's why we will continue to support a broad range of events, community groups, programs and facilities that encourage people to be active and healthy.

This budget ensures that Brisbane has active and healthy facilities and activities that are affordable, relevant, accessible and of the highest possible quality.

It also invests in the future.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to improve and expand programs like Active Parks, GOLD, Chill Out, RAW, Gonewalking and Black Diamonds.

Funding of nearly \$2.4 million will help community and sports organisations to enhance sport and recreation programs; and increase the skills and abilities of administrators.

This money will also allow us to reduce water charges for community and sports organisations that implement water management plans.

By spending more than \$4.6 million over the next year we will improve the quality, safety and amenity of our community pools.

A further \$1.25 million will enable us to progress construction of three new pools for Brisbane residents.

Free immunisation

Money will also be provided to continue supporting our highly successful immunisation program.

Over the past 12 months Council has immunised record numbers of Brisbane children.

In the 2004-05 year, Council's new policy of providing immunisation services for all Brisbane babies resulted in a reduction of childhood illness.

I intend to continue building on this success by ensuring all parents are able to make use of this free service for their children.

Personal safety

Council will also spend \$2.785 million over the next 12 months to improve the safety and security of Brisbane residents.

With an increasingly unstable world environment, the security of our citizens is a primary consideration.

Throughout the forthcoming budget period, Council will work to assure the highest possible levels of personal and property safety for all residents, businesses and visitors.

Special funding will enable the preparation and maintenance of plans to help deal with emergencies and disasters. It will also ensure proper and full support for Brisbane's State Emergency Services.

CitySafe

As part of my commitment to personal safety, this budget provides \$500,000 to make Brisbane a city that is – and feels – safe for residents, businesses and visitors.

This funding builds on my four-point plan to assist with the detection of crime and prevention of anti-social behaviour.

It also reinforces my commitment to work with the State Government to tackle problems associated with vandalism, violence, public nuisance and drunken behaviour.

Over the coming financial year, Council will partner with the State Government to provide taxi rank supervision.

We will commit funds to implement the City Liquor Industry Partnership plan and to ramp up efforts to remove graffiti from community assets.

Of significant importance, we will improve our CCTV network.

Brisbane's CCTV network plays an important role in the detection and prevention of crime.

The employment of a second CCTV operator and better communication with police and nightclub security officers will significantly boost the value of our CCTV camera network.

MANAGING BRISBANE

Mr Chairman, I am proud of the fact that my team has introduced a new era of accountability and openness into this Council.

In 12 months we have allowed electronic media into Council meetings; and published details of Councillors' remuneration in the annual report.

What's more, at the start of the new financial year we will start Hansard-style reporting to improve the record of things said in this chamber.

Good management will continue to deliver many benefits and better value for Brisbane residents.

Customer Focus

Over the coming year, Brisbane City Council will put its customers – our residents and ratepayers – first.

As Lord Mayor I will not lose sight of the fact that it's the mums and dads of Brisbane who work hard to keep this place operating.

This budget recognises the need for the Brisbane City Council to have more of a customer focus.

In the past Council has focused on service instead of customers – process instead of people.

That's why we will re-examine what we do, so that we become more pro-active in serving the needs of our customers.

To do this, the Brisbane City Council will look at ways of better engaging with residents; understanding the needs of its customers; and aligning its services to more effectively address issues and challenges that emerge.

Today's budget contains a number of initiatives to help us achieve these outcomes.

Over the coming year, we will spend \$237,000 to develop a customer focus strategy.

In particular, we will review all Council business imposts to identify where cost burdens can be reduced.

We will also spend \$250,000 to make sure we are able to respond quickly and effectively to the small things that often get ignored and neglected.

By introducing Fix-O-Grams, all Brisbane residents will have a simple and effective way of making sure Council knows about the small and annoying things that need to be fixed in their local area.

Our move to Brisbane Square will also help to create a new era in customer focus.

With a fit-out that focuses on outcomes, Brisbane Square will enable the creation of a 'one-stop shop' to give residents better access to staff from Development and Regulatory Services, the Customer Service Centre, BiMap and Library Services.

Great Employer, Clever Workforce

Mr Chairman, I want Council to be regarded as a great employer, with a clever workforce.

To build on our customer focus, Council will continue to offer its employees job satisfaction, access to learning opportunities and career development.

That's why this budget contains funding to attract, retain and reward people who have the right skills, attributes, attitudes and talents to help this organisation become more customer focused.

Importantly, it provides over \$6.7 million to support the community through apprenticeships, cadetships, graduate opportunities and traineeships.

Transparency and Accountability

As Lord Mayor, I am determined to ensure that the Brisbane City Council is an open, accountable and transparent organisation.

In 2005-06 Council will continue to publish details of my salary and those of all chairpersons in its annual report.

It will fund a Disputes Commissioner to make sure concerns about fines, infringements and other process matters are dealt with fairly and efficiently.

Council will also better consult with the Brisbane community.

This budget provides funding so that Council can consult widely and openly; and continue holding Council meetings in the suburbs.

Focusing on Squares

This budget also has a big focus on squares.

Over the next 12 months, Council will relocate from the Brisbane Administration Centre to new accommodation in Brisbane Square; it will also progress work to upgrade King George Square.

Brisbane Square will underpin a new era in customer focus for Council.

It will give us an unprecedented opportunity to better coordinate and streamline services.

Likewise, work to complete the Inner-Northern Busway gives us an opportunity to upgrade King George Square.

In 2005-06 Council will spend \$400,000 to plan improvements to this landmark public meeting place.

Brisbane Best Value

Delivering better value for ratepayers is one of my core commitments.

The completion of the AT Kearney report has shown there are many opportunities for Council to save money.

In 2005-06 Council will make savings of up to \$50 million by ensuring it changes the way purchasing decisions are made.

Further savings of around \$2 million will be made by aligning Council's information and communications technology functions.

CONCLUSION

Mr Chairman, this budget is about getting on with the job.

It's about delivering for Brisbane ratepayers; and making our city an even better place to live.

Earlier this year I outlined my key priorities for 2005. I placed on record the things I considered this Council needed to address over the next 12 months.

Today, I am ensuring Council has the financial resources to deal with these issues.

I am also making sure Council is focused on the small things – like providing free entertainment for families, fixing potholes and buying new library books.

Last year's budget was a 'Can Do' budget for a 'Can Do' Council.

This year's budget extends on that philosophy.

It gets on with the task of delivering for the mums and dads of Brisbane; of reducing traffic congestion; repairing our roads; and buying new buses.

It gets on with planning for the future; and showing leadership on affordable housing.

It makes health and community safety a real priority; while committing record funds to our environment and parks.

It also focuses on making Brisbane a more happening place to live, work and visit.

This budget delivers better value for our ratepayers and residents.

By concentrating on how we do business; improving the way we purchase goods and services; and increasing accountability, we are now able to dedicate more money to the things that matter.

The introduction of Fix-O-Grams and the creation of a 'one-stop shop' in Brisbane Square are just two ways Council will deliver better value, by becoming more focused on its customers.

In my first budget I noted that good management is about good budgeting and making reasonable decisions.

As we did last year, I believe we have struck the right balance.

At a time when inflation is running at 2.75 per cent; and valuations on residential owner-occupied homes have increased by nearly 55 per cent, we have managed to keep average increases in net rates and charges for owner-occupied properties to 2.63 per cent.

This is something that Labor could never have achieved.

Labor also would never have increased funding for traffic and transport initiatives by more than 23 per cent.

This expenditure demonstrates my commitment to getting Brisbane moving – to reducing traffic congestion with new roads and better public transport.

I am also committed to listening to the people of Brisbane.

Council does not have all the answers – and never will.

By properly engaging the community – with activities like holding Council meetings in the suburbs and Neighbourhood Planning – we can make better informed decisions for the future of Brisbane.

The budget I have delivered today is all about working with the community and engaging local residents to resolve local problems.

It is also about making Brisbane a more liveable place.

Whether it's the \$4.75 million being spent on new signature parks at Wynnum/Manly and Sandgate/Shorncliffe; or the 11 per cent increase in park funding, it is clear to see we have made improving our city a big priority.

Our commitment to the environment is also very clear with record funding to acquire 'at-risk' bushland and a 50 per cent increase in funding to wipe out weeds.

I am proud of the commitment this budget makes to our community and those in need.

By providing guaranteed funding for community festivals and additional funding for our libraries; the Brisbane Powerhouse; and other arts organisations, Council is demonstrating its commitment to making Brisbane a creative city.

Mr Chairman, this is a budget that continues delivering for the people of Brisbane – a budget that recognises the efforts of mums and dads who work hard to raise a family and pay the rates.

There's a lot to be proud of in this budget and I look forward to working with Council officers to deliver on my commitments to the people of Brisbane.

My thanks go to the CEO, Jude Munro; Helen Gluer, and other member of the Executive Management Team; as well as to Chris Mead and his dedicated colleagues who have worked tirelessly and diligently to help put this budget together.

I also want to thank members of the Newman Council Team for their support, guidance and assistance during the budget process.

Importantly, I want to recognise the efforts, contributions, dedication and commitment of Councillors Caltabiano and Nicholls for the work they have done to make sure we deliver for the people of Brisbane.

Mr Chairman, I commend this budget to the chamber.

ADJOURNMENT:

943/2004-05

At that time, 12:01pm, it was resolved on the motion of the LORD MAYOR, seconded by the MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE), that the meeting be adjourned until 9am on Friday, 10 June 2005.

UPON RESUMPTION:

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2005

PRESENT:

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN)

The Chairperson of Council, Councillor K L BIANCHI

Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, A BENNISON, C E BERMINGHAM, L D BRYANT, M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, C R CASHMAN, P CUMMING, M de WIT, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, F A HOPKINS, M A HAYES, D B HINCHLIFFE, G KNAPP, G MacPHERSON, J MAGUB, V NEWTON, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, G M QUIRK, K M REA, S SUTTON, and N L WYNDHAM.

SUSPENSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE:

944/2004-05

Councillor L D BRYANT moved, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON to suspend those parts of the Rules of Procedure, as are necessary, to enable the DEPUTY MAYOR to respond to the budget for a period of one hour.

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion to allow the DEPUTY MAYOR a period of one hour to respond to the budget was lost on the voices.

THE MAJORITY LEADER'S BUDGET RESPONSE:

The MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE), delivered the following address in response to the budget:

INTRODUCTION

A little over 12 months ago I stood in this place and said a Labor-Liberal Council would be "government in a goldfish bowl".

There would be no secrets. Everything would be transparent.

I'm sorry to say that that goldfish bowl has become very cloudy of late.

I deliver this speech with great disappointment – disappointment that unbreakable promises of just 12 months ago have become weasel words today. That candidate Newman's promises have turned into Lord Mayor Newman's spin.

This budget is mostly about

*Broken promises and
Lost opportunities*

A Budget is a fundamentally important document, the engine that drives us forward to the future.

It turns our visions into reality.

You must imagine the best ... and then the Budget is simply the vehicle to get us where we must be in one year, five years or ten years from now.

Will our city be about its people and their choices to live, work and play in whatever way they choose?

How do we support and nurture Brisbane's lifestyle advantage over other cities so that we remain a model to other cities?

What innovations do we seek out to move people and connect them to each other?

How do we put people first?

I ask these questions now because clearly they were not asked by the writers of this budget – Councillors Caltabiano, Nicholls and Newman.

I – and my team -- have had only two days to peel apart the layers of this document and see the real detail -- there are real concerns and shortly I will address these.

This budget has taken 6 months to piece together. It's been prepared in secret. Chairmen and managers were physically locked out of the process. Now that it has at last been unwrapped, it can't be unravelled and re-designed over night.

Last year my Majority colleagues and I said we would not block the budget or supply.

That is essentially our position today.

But, for the sake of the people we all represent, this promise not to block does not mean we will be meek, mild and mute in accepting everything and debating or amending nothing. This is a democracy -- government for the people -- and people should be at the heart of a good Budget.

There will be times over the next week when Liberal Councillors will predict the end of the world if we simply debate, question and propose amendments.

BROKEN PROMISES – RATES

The revenue in this budget is based on breaking the most fundamental of election promises.

Let's be clear about the promise that was made by Candidate Newman before the election on rates. All the media reported what he said.

He said it time and time again:

“My commitment is that rates and utility charges will only go up in line with inflation and if they go up more than inflation, that is an unacceptable burden on the ratepayers of Brisbane and I will resign.”

There were no “ifs”, “buts” or “maybes” ...there was no qualification in any of his public statements that this promise only applied to the average rates and charges , certainly no mention it applied only to average residential rates and charges, and certainly no mention it applied only to the average of residential property where it is owner-occupied.

The only time even a reference to “average” increases in rates was mentioned was in a letter which never saw the light of day before the election and never referred to non-residential property or non-owner occupied property.

Remember this was the candidate whose face and promise was on most billboards around Brisbane. His jingles were playing constantly on radio. But he never took time out to qualify the most basic promise you can make – how much you are going to tax people if you're elected.

Ask anyone and they'll tell you candidate Newman promised no rates increase above inflation or he'd resign.

What a powerful statement. No wonder voters flocked to him in the last days of the election.

They were told you can have an end to congestion – I'll give you five tunnels in 10 years with \$2 tolls, it'll only cost you \$16 per year per ratepayer and all this without an increase in any rates or charges above inflation.

So, what's the fact?

This is the biggest taxing budget in the history of this city. The biggest taxing Lord Mayor ever at City Hall.

Of almost 390,000 rateable properties in Brisbane the number with increases above inflation is more than 240,000.

That's a broken election promise for more than 60 % of all properties. They include owner-occupied residential property, investment rental property, home businesses, businesses, industrial, retail, child care centres, senior citizens' halls and the list goes on.

These properties are owned or run by the famous “mums and dads” the Lord Mayor mentioned 10 times in his speech on Wednesday.

For many this unfair rates rise will be much higher than inflation – some in the order of 10%, 20% or higher.

So this is not just a broken promise but a broken promise times five, times ten.

For example, the mums and dads running a small business in :

Grey Street, South Brisbaneover 400 % increase in general rates

In Nudgee Road, Ascot ...over 300 % increase

In Railway Avenue, Indooroopillyover 150 % increase

In Johnston Street, Bulimbaover 130 % increase.

A nursery at Kelvin Groveover 80% increase.

There are 26,000 examples all across the city.

The pain of this broken promise is felt not just by the mums and dads in small businesses but by those renting.

Of the 119,000 rental households across Brisbane almost 100,000 will have increases above inflation. Many will see general rates increase by 20%, 40%, even above 80%. They don't have a 5% maximum cap on top of their general rates.

Remember the cap which Labor introduced? Under the last Labor Council that maximum cap for owner occupiers was 3.5%. The Liberals lifted the lid on that cap from 5% and it's still 5% for owner occupiers this year!

In the high rental suburbs of the CBD, Toowong, Forest Lake, New Farm, Kangaroo Point, Coorparoo, Inala, St Lucia, Clayfield, Indooroopilly - there are 23,000 households which will take that broken rates promise very personally.

In the next few weeks, the owner of a property in O'Quinn St at Nudgee Beach will receive a general rates bill that's gone from \$757 to \$1,809 – a 138% increase. That owner will have to pass on the increase to their tenant...can you blame him? He's hopping mad about it.

So is the owner of the four units at Racecourse Road where his general rates are going up more than 70% or \$450 per unit. He said he'll be passing on the increase, but not before he's spoken to his local Councillor who helped write this budget.

To say that the increases all over Brisbane aren't going to put pressure on rents is to deny reality.

And on top of the breach about rates we should include breaking the promise on charges as well. No amount of spin will convince ratepayers out there they are not paying more than the inflation rate for their water when it goes up more than 4% per kilolitre.

Don't be deceived by the Liberals' spin about the "average" -- consult real ratepayers about their bill for real rates and charges as a result of the Liberal Budget.

That's why the Majority Councillors will ask the Council to communicate with all ratepayers whose general rates bill will increase above inflation – so the increase is transparent and so they can prepare for the bill that's coming.

Of course we've heard the trotting out of the old lies about rates under Labor. Let's put an end once and for all to that. Firstly, Labor Councillors made no rash promises about rates that we knew we couldn't keep. The only person who made a firm commitment about rates and charges – a commitment which if he broke, he would voluntarily resign – was Cr Newman.

Second, I can produce a report today prepared by the independent Finance section of Council showing conclusively rates went up for the whole 13 year period of Labor by no more than 4.3% above inflation – that's over the whole 13 year period.

TRANSAPEX

The other major promise made by candidate Newman was TransApex. Five tunnels, \$2 tolls, built over 10 years, at a cost of no more than \$16 per ratepayer.

We've known for the last few months that there won't be 5 tunnels. There won't be \$2 tolls. They won't be built in 10 years.

And now the budget reveals that the cost is more than \$200 per ratepayer – and that's only for part of the first tunnel (the Labor NSBT), part of the feasibility for the 2nd tunnel (the second Labor tunnel or Airport Link) and the feasibility for a bridge which wasn't part of the original TransApex.

Labor made no false promise about tunnels that we knew we couldn't keep.

Let's be clear about this. Labor Councillors support the first tunnel – it's a great benefit for the city and we knew it was feasible. Labor Councillors support the second tunnel – Airport Link . It works. It was part of our 2002 Transport Plan. It alleviates congestion on a range of northside arterial roads.

So there can be no doubt, later today I will repeat our commitment when the Lord Mayor and I sit down with the CEO, and the probity auditor to communicate that very point to prospective bidders.

Now what about the other Liberal tunnels? What about the rest of the Liberal's TransApex?

Cr Caltabiano revealed that this budget was about building a “tunnel piggy bank”. That's the vision behind the Budget. A piggy bank for Transapex tunnels.

The fact is though that the Liberals' TransApex, like the Liberals' rates promise is in tatters.

Don't be in any doubt about who's responsible for the failure of the Liberal TransApex promise.

John Howard and Peter Costello won't touch the tunnel called Northern Link (from Toowong to the Inner City Bypass) with a barge pole.

Cr Newman himself has buried the East West Tunnel (from Stones Corner to Toowong) and the less said about the poor old Kingsford Smith Drive tunnel the better. May it Rest in Peace.

All that's left is the re-packaged and re-bandaged Transapex “crossing” at Hale St. That's all that's left of the discredited Liberal TransApex dream.

That's what's in this Budget. That's what we have to address and we are entitled to ask questions before signing on the bottom line.

Firstly, before we commit we need to know if the State Government will grant tolling powers to Council for this crossing.

Second, how urgent is it in dealing with congestion compared to other projects?

The Pre-feasibility Study suggested the bridge be constructed in 6 years. There are other congestion points around the city that traffic planners would say need more urgent attention. And so would motorists who sit there fuming day in and day out.

What about High St Toowong where 80,000 motorists a day contend with congestion?

What about all the rail crossings around Brisbane where tens of thousands of motorists are held up?

What about Logan Road/ O'Keefe St at Stones Corner where similar volumes are caught in a bottleneck?

The TransApex Pre-feasibility documents (page 47 of TransApex Traffic Forecasts) revealed that "with all of TransApex operational, global network savings ...are in the order of 2 -- 4%" which means trip time reduction of no more than 2-4% or about 24 seconds of a 20-minute trip.

Remember this pre-feasibility was prepared by people hand-picked by the Lord Mayor.

This is the first time that salient fact about TransApex has been made public.

Can the Lord Mayor look motorists in the face and say this bridge is a higher priority than those other congestion points out there in the suburbs?

The bridge shouldn't go ahead unless we know three things –

if the State Government will grant us tolling powers

can the Lord Mayor honestly say this is the next highest priority to deal with congestion and

if it goes ahead, how does the traffic cope with the spaghetti network of roads on the inner south side.

Remember the inner southside – that's where the Liberals want to pack in a lot more people. Before we go to feasibility for a bridge, you need to have a proper transport and traffic plan for the inner south-side.

I call on the Lord Mayor to look at his priorities and address the traffic congestion of today. We have \$5m we can use today to solve real problems for motorists stuck in traffic each peak hour each day at places like Toowong and Stones Corner.

I admit I was stunned by Cr Newman's comment to City News last week when he said in relation to traffic congestion:

"There's not much we can do. We can't just wave a magic wand"

From "Can Do" to "Not Much We Can Do" in just 15 months.

These are questions about the Hale St Bridge that the Lord Mayor has to address before we are convinced this is best value.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES IN INFRASTRUCTURE

The spin in this budget is that it's about infrastructure. The truth is it's about some infrastructure at the expense of other infrastructure.

Let's look at just some of the lost opportunities here:

\$66m less for Water and Sewerage capital than last year

\$500,000 to complete nitrogen removal at Luggage Point – cut

\$800,000 to complete the upgrade of Dowse Lagoon – cut

\$1m for the Decker Park seawall – cut

\$6m less in road maintenance.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES - SERVICES

The devil is always in the detail. The Liberal's starting point was always to cut from the life of the City, not to add to it.

I'm disappointed that the equivalent of up to 320 full-time jobs will be culled from Council's workforce.

That's about 4 % of our whole workforce -- 300 families, 300 households – real mums and dads, who are this budget's heaviest casualties.

These are the people who have helped make our city livable, who have deliver services on the ground and make it work.

In Brisbane CityWorks 207 jobs are for the axe out of 1,062 – that's 20% of staff.

Cr Newman needs to explain how this is going to be consistent with our Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Let's look at libraries. Much has been said about funding for Library Refurbishment. The budget speech says there is \$8.5 million. The real figure however is zero.

That funding (\$8.5m) is for operating costs, money just to keep the doors open, the lights on, and the staff paid. No refurbishment.

Funding for books has plummeted in this budget.

Don't tell us about ONE BOOK MANY BRISBANES – what about many books for one Brisbane!

The Valley Malls are supposed to be repaved and improved, but when you read the detail it's clear that's not until the year after the year after next – but for some desperate reason it's a line item in the 2005 budget!

The Budget speech talked about funding for Active and Healthy Parks. Digging into the detail of this Budget we find funding is actually almost half a million dollars less than last year and several million less than in the last Labor Administration.

The list goes on – we were told there is \$50,000 to extend Council Cabs – but there is no additional funding in this Budget. So something has to be cut – will any Councillor here nominate which service should be cut to allow for this ?

And there's more:

Community safety – cut

Museum of Brisbane -- cut

The children's festival (Out of the Box) -- cut

The writers' festival (Wordpool) -- cut

The 'Visible Ink' youth festival – cut

Helping poorer communities – cut

Albert Park Flexi-school – cut (or did it slip out without anyone understanding what they were doing.....?)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING BLOW OUT

While all these are being cut, look at the monumental blow-out in Neighbourhood Planning.

The mismanagement of this project started from day one.

It went from \$200,000 in last year's budget to a whopping \$1.6 million. And despite the 800% blow out, and despite the promise in Cr Newman's Budget speech one year ago to deliver Neighbourhood Plans for three suburbs – Nudgee Beach, Camp Hill and Greenslopes - we have nothing to show for that \$1.6 million.

Nothing except a date with Marcia Hines and the Hooley Dooleys.

So what will this Budget allocation of \$ 4 million deliver to us in 2005-06 ?

Next year perhaps we'll see a performance from Delta Goodrem or the Wiggles....but just how better informed the whole community is about planning remains to be seen.

We'll get much better value out of making development signs readable and in plain English for next to no cost to ratepayers rather than spending a fortune on pop stars and gimmicks.

We'd get much better value out of Sustainability teams, Risksmart and all the other innovations we wanted in the development process.

A BRIGHT NOTE – LIVABILITY COMMITTEES

One of the few bright spots in this budget is the revelation the Liberals have finally recognised the importance of Livability Committees. But their pride won't allow them to admit that.

In truth the Ward Community Development and Parks Trust Funds are basically just that – Livability Committees and that's the structure they should follow.

Well done.

There was an idea we had which you've now adopted.

But the Liberals have avoided even mentioning the word Livable. It's interesting Livability isn't a word you'll see in Cr Newman's Budget Speech.

A BETTER APPROACH TO BUDGETS

Now, this is a Labor Liberal Council – unlike anything we've ever seen in our history.... Just think how much better this Budget might have been if we'd been able to sit down together and help frame it – instead of being literally locked out.

Locked out of the process – even locked out of the room – unable to speak to managers, unable to ask questions.

MISTAKES

For a start, the Liberals would have saved themselves the embarrassment of the mistakes which have surfaced already in this Budget.

No mistake is perhaps more embarrassing than the discovery that revenue of \$500,000 identified in Program 1, under Regional and International Initiatives won't be received – and as a result, the so-called \$470,000 surplus is potentially a budget deficit.

WATER

But the budget could have been so much better.

Imagine what we could have considered for one of the most important challenges we face – water.

If there ever was a time to investigate and fund innovations in water supply, that time is certainly now. We are already in Stage One water restrictions and the experts say we will enter Stage Two by July.

Remember the cold water and hot scorn which the Liberals poured on Cr Campbell when dared to sound the warning about our water supply just over a month ago.

Now is not the time for denial or defensiveness.

Now is the time to be brave and creative.

In Sydney, the country's largest city, Stage Two water restrictions are in place and they face a meager 39 % capacity in their dams. Proposals for desalination, importing water and reducing water pressure are all on the table.

But where is the leadership on this issue in South East Queensland ?

Where in the Budget is the solution ?

The Gold Coast is investigating a desalination plant, which they expect could supply 20 megalitres a day. If Brisbane does not buy into the early stages of this investigation now, we may run the risk of having to buy water from the Gold Coast in the future at a premium price.

Other possible alternatives could be aquifers. Indications are that these aquifers in surrounding shires could potentially supply an extra 20 – 30 megalitres a day. There may even be a viable aquifer beneath Oxley Creek. Why not investigate it, or at least ask the questions.

There are suggestions that need to be investigated about the potential for bringing old reservoirs back on line.

But are these ideas even being discussed through this document? No.

We run the risk of being the customer at the end of the line once others have taken these initiatives -- cup in hand, begging other local governments for water...putting Brisbane last in the water supply line.

CITY CONNECT

We could have had greater cooperation around transport issues.

A couple of months ago the Majority Councillors proposed a two-stage process to improve mass transit ... trial an extension of the Downtown Loop and then, depending on how that goes, implement a mass transit system – City Connect.

The future of Brisbane is all about a balanced approach to connecting people and services – we need better roads and better public transport.

Even Cr Newman mentioned that word “balance” 2 days ago.

City Connect has the potential to be just as dramatic and revolutionary as City Cats or Busways have been in the progress of our city. Who brought those innovations to Brisbane?... City Connect should be investigated as a priority. The team working on the CBD Masterplan have confirmed that.

In the next year Council should investigate whether Brisbane is ready for an enhanced bus service, light rail, underground rail, or another variation.

PLANNING FOR GROWTH TARGETS

Let's look at the potential for cooperation around the big planning issues we face.

Since the release of the Regional Plan there's been angst from Councillors on both sides on how to meet the State's population targets for Brisbane.

The time has come to face the music – but not Marcia and the Hooley Dooleys.

We have to confront the reality of Transit Oriented Development as outlined in the Regional Plan.

We have an expert and experienced team of planners who have guided billions of dollars in development over the past decade, who have revitalised the inner city as a place to live, work and play that's close to transport.

They're called Urban Renewal Brisbane. We need to empower and fund them to deal with TODs now and it should be reflected in this budget.

But what has this budget done – it's axed funding for the Brisbane Inner City Advisory Committee that oversees renewal and regeneration in the inner city.

The core focus of Urban Renewal Brisbane going forward should be TODs [Transport Oriented Destinations].

CONCLUSION

People haven't been at the centre focus of this Budget. It could have been so much better.

There could have been fewer broken promises and lost opportunities.

There could have been greater cooperation and exploration of ideas and innovation.

Instead we got a lecture about the so-called dark years of Labor and the glamorous tunnel vision of Liberal councillors.

The Councillors I represent built modern Brisbane.

We passed on to this Lord Mayor not a city that was sad and broken – but a city that was confident, proud and excited about its growth.

We understood the need to plan for growth. The city we inherited was going backwards. Population was declining.

We introduced urban renewal and regeneration.

We implemented over 50 Local Plans. We re-wrote City Plan.

We introduced the City Cats. We introduced Busways to Brisbane.

We built the Inner City Bypass against wilful opposition from Liberals opposite.

We invested in a modern airport.

We doubled the number of parks from 1,000 to almost 2,000.

We established the Powerhouse and the Museum of Brisbane.

We treated all sewerage to tertiary stage.

We built 7 new libraries, we stocked them with new books and trebled the library budget.

We refurbished 6 pools.

We funded and built more than 30 Suburban Centre Improvement Projects across the city. We revitalised the city centre and we re-invigorated our suburbs.

We laid the groundwork and foundation for the first North South Bypass Tunnel.

We proposed the Airport Link tunnel in 2002. We championed the cause of the Green Bridge when Cr Newman tried to scuttle it.

While we did all this, we drove down debt to record low levels!

We left the coffers of this city stronger than ever.

To us, AA+ was not only a statement about our finances, it was a symbol of our strength, our vitality and our livability as a modern city with a confident community.

All of this was about building a city of communities, a city for people – a balanced Brisbane – most of all a LIVABLE BRISBANE.

Whatever happens over the next week, we cannot lose sight of that fact.

REPLY BY THE LORD MAYOR:

Next, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN), rose to address the Chamber in response to the MAJORITY LEADER'S remarks. His address was as follows:

Mr Chairman, I have a vision of the City of Brisbane as a smart thinking, easy living, world class city. And when I went to the people in March 2004, I articulated in great detail a comprehensive program of policy reform that I wished to bring to this city. And the days after the election when the Labor Party was struggling with a result that they clearly did not like one little bit, they signed a pledge. They put their hands on their hearts and they said they would get behind the delivery of my policy commitments.

Today we have heard from the Deputy Mayor a very negative response to the budget that I handed down on Wednesday. That budget is about delivering on the promises that I made, and yet he has made much about supposed broken promises. Today, Mr Chairman, I will go through again my key priorities for this city - the things I will achieve over the next three years, that, I stress, I will only achieve with the support of the Labor Councillors to my left.

Mr Chairman, I need their support. I ask for their support and I ask for their support for the benefit of the people of this city. Not for Campbell Newman and for some career in politics, which I totally dismiss. Because I am here to do a job, I'm not here because I need a job.

Mr Chairman, I will start with my vision for public transport and for dealing with congestion on the roads of Brisbane. From three years ago in July 2002, I handed down the policy Moving Brisbane, which was a balanced policy which talked about the way that we would reform our public transport system and the way that we would deal with road network problems across this city. I made a commitment in July 2002 that I would buy 60 new environmentally friendly buses each year for a period of four years. Well what have I done Mr Chairman? Last year I delivered 60. This year I intend to deliver 60, again with the support of the Labor Majority. I airconditioned 80-plus buses last year. I will aircondition another 80-plus buses this year and what will be the result Mr Chairman? We will have taken airconditioning in this city from 35 per cent of the fleet - in only 14 or 15 months - to 57 per cent in only three weeks time, and 75 per cent by the end of June next year.

Thirteen years of Labor, Mr Chairman. How much airconditioning in terms of our bus fleet did they put in? How much did they achieve in that period? Well let me tell you Mr Chairman, because the statistics are important, in eight years they delivered less buses than I will deliver over this four-year term.

I also back then committed to integrated ticketing, to what we now call TransLink. And we'd seen the promises of Jim Soorley; we'd seen the promises of the Premier that it would come and integrated ticketing would solve all our problems. We saw them time and time again through the nineties and probably the most recent broken promise was in late '99 when it was announced yet again. Well it didn't happen 'till July 2004, and it happened under my leadership and under the leadership of Councillor Graham Quirk, who was prepared to work with the State Government. And over the last 15 months, Mr Chairman, I have demonstrated time and time again, that a Liberal Lord Mayor can have a better relationship with a Labor State Government than we ever saw in the last 13 years.

Mr Chairman, the results speak for themselves. In 1991, 44 million passenger trips a year on our bus system. By 2004, after 13 years, they had risen to 48 million passenger trips. An increase of four on a base of 44. Well what will it be this year? Well, Mr Chairman, it will probably hit 53 million passenger trips. That is my commitment, and that is my commitment for a balanced approach to traffic congestion.

Let's now turn to Project TransApex. Mr Chairman, I promised five tunnels. That was in the plan in July 2002, as a candidate using volunteer resources, as you do when you are in opposition. But now today, Mr Chairman, after a proper evaluation using the resources of this Council and independent consultants in the field of engineering and traffic modelling and finance, we now have a pre-feasibility report, courtesy of \$2 million of the Federal Government's money. And what does it say? It says, Mr Chairman, that we have a plan for the future. It says, Mr Chairman, that we can build four tunnels and a bridge.

Now the way that the Deputy Mayor talked today distressed me greatly. But it's not just about me Mr Chairman, really it's about the mums and dads of Brisbane again; because they're the ones who will be fuming in traffic this afternoon when they know that this Deputy Mayor, that this Labor majority, are going to vote down the Hale Street bridge. Well this a project that could be proceeded with without delay. This is a project that will deal with the accessibility problems from the northside into South Brisbane. This is a project that costs us \$5 million to do a feasibility study on, but you know what happens if you do it as a PPP, Mr Chairman? It gets us a big fat cheque, a big fat cheque of

between \$88 and \$145 million. And do you know what we'll do? Well I'll tell the mums and dads of Brisbane what we'll do with that money. We will plough it into other transport projects for this City: more buses, more work on our roads, more greenways, more bikeways, more efforts to deal with congestion. But the Deputy Mayor very simplistically said that that \$5 million was money that could have been used elsewhere in the city, to tinker round the edges as they did for 13 years. I think that he mentioned Stones Corner for example. My point is this. this is the plan that we have now. There it is. It has changed; I'm not embarrassed in the slightest because it's a plan for the future. And it has had expert attention, it deals with traffic congestion, and it will allow us to improve the situation on our roads.

That's not all it will do. It will also allow us to deal with public transport. It will allow us to enhance our services. It will allow us to create cross-suburban bus services that we've never had before, and it will allow us to engage in urban renewal and street beautification in a way that we can only dream about today, if we don't get on and do this.

Mr Chairman, it is an absolute tragedy to hear the words coming from the Deputy Mayor today, because you would, if you were listening to everything that he said, think that he was delighting in the predicament of people on our roads. You would think that it's fun that mums and dads spend long periods of time going to and from work, taking their kids to and from school. You would think that he thought that it was fun for them to be away from their loved ones. Well I don't think that it is fun, Mr Chairman, I think that we've got to do everything that we can. I urge the Labor Party backbench to think about what their leadership is doing; what their leadership is proposing. I call on all of you to think very clearly about this. This bridge can be built and it can be built in the next two or three years; and it can be built in a way that doesn't cost the ratepayers of Brisbane any money. It will actually provide money, a net cheque to the ratepayers of Brisbane so that it can get on and invest in this city.

Mr Chairman, turning now to the issue of affordable housing and homelessness, another key priority of mine. I don't think, as I said on Wednesday, that it is glamorous for our homeless people to be in our parks, our gardens, sleeping in our bus shelters. For the first time you are seeing a forward commitment: \$2 million a year, and then two, and then two, for the Brisbane Housing Company. And money for other important programs to deliver affordable housing from the private sector and keep boarding houses open.

Now what was the track record of the man who just spoke? This is the man who wanted to set up tents in New Farm. This is the man who wanted to run soup kitchens in our parks. This is the man who thought that it was glamorous and sexy to have homeless people in the street rather than provide people a quality of life and real dignity. Mr Chairman, I reject that approach and in my budget on Wednesday I made it very clear that we need to act and provide homes for people, not fiddle around the edges with feel-good programs.

Mr Chairman, a key part of my vision is to market the City of Brisbane, and in this budget you see for the first time ever a clear commitment to market Brisbane. In the past the State of Queensland has marketed itself, but we have never ever marketed this city. We have never told people about the excitement of the City of Brisbane today. We have never gone out and dispelled myths that are twenty years out of date. And we have significant funding in there to do that. And I am asking Brisbane Marketing to get on with that campaign at the end of July. And I will be very excited to work with the Premier of this State, as he has indeed offered to go interstate and talk to the business communities about investing in the City of Brisbane.

Mr Chairman, what did the Deputy Mayor do only a few months ago? Well we saw the headline in The Courier-Mail, we saw the headline, he wanted to stop it, he said that we can't do it, we shouldn't do it, we've got to put it off! That's again the negative approach that day after day, week after week, those of us who want to take this city forward have to put up with, today in the Brisbane City Council.

I turn now to the issue of city planning. My approach, Mr Chairman, is to be open and honest with the people of Brisbane about planning. The Deputy Mayor mentioned the Regional Plan that we now

have and which we must get on and implement. I mentioned in this Chamber only the other day that we need to accommodate 140,500 new dwellings over the next 20 years, but I also foreshadowed, from a recent meeting with the Treasurer, that there is potential for that target to rise, perhaps by seven thousand dwellings.

Now we need to get on and work out where those people are going to go. We will not carpet bomb Brisbane with small-lot development, as the previous administration did. We will engage faithfully with the people in the process which I call neighbourhood planning to decided the vision of this city. And I don't make any excuses for putting a sensible amount of money to actually go about that process. It has worked in other leading cities overseas such as Vancouver - which the ALP in the past always used to talk about as an iconic, world-class city and used as examples all the time. It's worked there; we're following a very similar process to what they have; and we're going to get on with that job.

In addition, Mr Chairman, we're getting on with the CBD Masterplan. Half a million dollars to create a new vision for the city centre. Not one that has a slavish knee-jerk height limits of the Labor Party - of my predecessor Tim Quinn - but one that actually encourages exciting architecture, realises that the CBD has jumped the river and actually promotes the revitalisation of our public space. And that's why we already also have a significant amount of money in there for the revitalisation of King George Square.

Mr Chairman, moving on to the issue of environment, I'm spending record sums of money on the environment: \$11.2 million to acquire at-risk bushland. Remember the Labor Party, Mr Chairman; they said that they were taking this bushland levy, but what did they spend it on? They spent it on administration; they didn't spend it on acquiring bushland; they spent it on administration. So, \$11.2 million this year.

In terms of sewerage, we've heard a lot about sewerage today, we have a program today to stop sewage discharge into the river. What did the Labor Party do? They hid the fact that their State Government mates, who ran Energex - who were milking Energex at the time - were causing power outages that allowed raw sewerage to go into the Brisbane River. And the facts were there that power outages rose dramatically over the last six or seven years, but did we ever hear anything about it? This Council has been forced to invest in back-up generation equipment to allow us to protect the environment.

We have creek coordinators now, Mr Chairman, to deal with the actual protection of our creeks and enhance the work of those wonderful community groups.

My final area, Mr Chairman, of my vision is the whole area of City Governance. You will recall that I said, in this Chamber in the not too distant past, that when the Deputy Mayor was discussing the whole potential for the review of Council's strategic operations, he said that it was running on the smell of an oily rag. Well we all know that the A T Kearney review found that between \$93 and \$141 million a year could be saved through a range of careful initiatives. One of them was procurement excellence - up to \$69 million per year. Another one was the issue of contestability of Council's services, and another one was the issue of internal reform, dealing with Labor's bloated blowing-out bureaucracy and getting some discipline into the way that Council was administered.

Well he said that it was running on the smell of an oily rag, but it clearly "ain't", and that is why we are getting on with the job of internal reform. And that is why there is \$547,000 to continue the actual A T Kearney review. He spoke about the budget process; well again I clearly told the people of Brisbane that there would be a Lord Mayor's expenditure review committee, in the policy documents. Why is he complaining about it? This is the way, if I become the Lord Mayor with a majority in 2008, I will run the budget process. There is no difference.

Now, over the 13 year of Labor did they ever allow councillors on the other side of the fence to be involved? Did they ever allow their own backbench to be involved that much? No. Not at all.

Mr Chairman, the process was outlined by me, but just for those who didn't listen, we had a very detailed briefing of Managers on 16 December 2004, there were three rounds - Lord Mayor's Expenditure Committee (LMERC) one, two and three - where the chairs and the senior executives came into the LMERC meeting to actually get guidance, present their budget bids, to actually discuss the programs. It was interactive for most of the period. It was only in the last month or so that we went into the final enclave - which I reserve my right to do, as other mayors have done - and the budget was finalised and developed. And I needed to do it that way, Mr Chairman, otherwise we would have seen a total lack of restraint. The man who has just spoken was the man who took the old Community Life Program from \$70 million per year to \$108 million a year, in only four or five years. He just was totally profligate in the way that he spent the money of the mums and dads of Brisbane.

How he has said much today about rates. Well we need to get into that one and we need to get into it in a great deal of detail. Mr Chairman, I have the results of the last ten budgets, I have it here. So let's look at the record. In 1996-97, Category 1 rates - 3.34 per cent increase, inflation 0.58 per cent, about six times the rate of inflation. In 1997-98, Category 1 - 6.21 per cent increase, inflation 0.99, probably a bit more than six times the rate of inflation. In 1998-99 - these are the averages, Mr Chairman, these are the same figures - 6.55 per cent increase in Category ; 0.65 per cent increase in the inflation rate. I haven't got my calculator - 10 times the rate of inflation; three rises in a row. Okay, I've started to get the message. Maybe there was an election, yes there was. In 1999-00, 3.86 per cent increase in Category one, 2.68 per cent increase in inflation. Even in a year leading to an election, they still thought that going up more than inflation was a result that they could sell politically.

That's not all, Mr Chairman. In 2000-01, 6.21 per cent increase in average rates in Category 1 - inflation 6.01 per cent. They are getting there Mr Chairman, it is narrowing down. In 2001-02, 1.68 per cent increase and inflation was 3.86. They finally delivered. So five rate rises in a row more than inflation - obscenely more than inflation, Mr Chairman. In 2002-03, what happened? Back to their old tricks Mr Chairman. Back to their old tricks - 2.87 per cent and 2.68 per cent.

Mr Chairman, that is the Category 1 picture, but much has been said in the last few days about businesses and non-owner occupied, so let's have a look at that one. Back to 1996-97, non-residential 5.84 per cent, CPI 0.58 per cent - getting close to ten times again. What about the businesses then in this city; what about 1997-98: 6.16 per cent; 0.99 per cent inflation. In 1998-99: 4.62 per cent, 0.65 per cent inflation. In 1999-00, 1.37 per cent, 2.68 per cent. It must have been an election year. In 2000-01, after the election, non-residential 12.71 per cent. These people are just a classic. We go to 2001-02, 0.28 per cent, 3.86 - '01-02 was a good year, 2002-03, 3.68 per cent, 2.68 per cent inflation. And 2003-04, 3.29 per cent - 3.17 per cent inflation.

In summary, Mr Chairman, eight Labor budgets in the last ten years. Of those eight Labor Budgets, six years have increases more than inflation - obscenely more than inflation. Now, what do we have here? What was the promise here in this newspaper clipping? From 1990, I think it is, Mr Soorley guaranteed that owner-occupied general rates bill would not increase above the level of inflation for the next three years. Now, Mr Chairman, what a lot of spin we've heard. Now let's deal with my commitment because much was said about averages, about there was no average.

Well there's the letter that talks about the average. The Courier-Mail have got it. What's this? Here's a flyer that went out to Morningside Ward which talks about average increase. They all went out.

Mr Chairman, the Labor Party have gone out - I was reading my own northside paper and Councillor Hayes was carrying on about the extremes of the actual rate impact. We have a bell curve of properties; the average is 2.63 per cent, the second year in a row that I have delivered on that. Last year was 2.27 per cent, this year is 2.63 per cent. I have delivered on my commitment. That's what I have said to the people of Brisbane. And my increases on the non-residential and the non-owner occupiers have been modest compared to Labor's profligacy. The restraint has been there.

Let's go back and look at the scare-mongering of Labor. Let's look at Labor misinformation, because there was much misinformation today. Here is the Labor press release dated 11 March 2004, which

says Liberal promises set to break the budget. And it was Councillor Hayes - the lady beloved by all in this City: (quotes from press release) The Liberal Lord Mayoral Candidate is full of unfunded promises. Promises which will mean an increase in household rates of more than \$1100 each year - 11 March 2004. You know, Mr Chairman, Mr Chairman ...

Do they want to hear more about the cap? Well they have been all over the place with the cap. The cap has bounced around like a Campbell Newman yoyo. You know, like the new can-do yoyo which will be hitting the streets shortly. Here we go. In the 1998-99 budget, what was the rates cap? Ten percent. I thought that it was 3.5 per cent. It just bounced around, you know, it was all about ... again there was no election in the '98-99 year, there was one the next year. Mr Chairman, what a big beat up. He talked about old things. He talked about "the biggest taxing budget". Well what rubbish. I've just demonstrated that all through the mid-nineties we've seen absolute gouging of the ratepayers. Ten times the rate of inflation increases. Ten times!

Mr Chairman, they are interjecting a lot today because I know that I'm getting under their skin. If they were quiet I would know that I was failing.

He talked about water charges. Well that's very interesting. We are in the worst drought for 100 years, we have drought management measures in place. The projections from the officers - not from me - show that if the people of Brisbane listen to our advice on saving water they will be better off by 2.2 per cent. Okay. It is in their hands. I am supported by the Labor Party in putting it up. They support higher charges for water. I have been convinced that we need to have a modest increase there, within the framework that I've just described. And who convinced me? Councillor Abrahams. Because she's on the record as supporting water charges as needing to be higher. In fact, I would venture to suggest that she would probably support much higher charges, but I've said no, Mr Chairman. I've said a reasonable increase is what we need at the current time.

Mr Chairman, Councillor Flessler has talked about the Banyo Library shutting down, again and again. In one of the most recent Quest newspapers we saw again his scare campaign running. Well we've put it to bed. The libraries aren't shutting down. There will be across the board - in terms of money we have for libraries in this city - record expenditure. Those are the facts. The Labor Party would again like to increase rates ten times the rate of inflation, like they did all those years. They'd like to do that so they could spend more on the libraries. Well you can't do that this time Deputy Mayor, we don't want you to do that, we won't let you do that.

He talked about water investigations. He said that we should be looking at desalination and ground water. Well I need to inform the Chamber today that I wrote to the Chief Executive, and she can confirm this, some weeks ago back in May, and indicated that I wanted her and the officers to look at desalination, and the Oxley Creek Catchment and other ground water sources. Mr Chairman, we have officers, they are employed in the policy area, they have a job to do, and right now I want the Water Resources people, with Mr Barry Ball, to get on and have a look at those sources. You don't need to throw another \$100,000 of ratepayers' money to do another study. Okay, you need our officers to work with the State Government and the South East Queensland Water Company (SEQWCO). The Councillors behind me should know that the SEQWCO Board and the Corporation are investigating such things and indeed, if they have read the Regional Infrastructure Plan and the State Government's budget, there is money for that as well.

Mr Chairman, before I close, I want to reiterate that I have a vision for this city. It is a clear vision of a smart thinking, easy living, world class city. It's a vision that I can deliver, but I can only deliver it if I have the support of the Labor Party. They need to be true to their pledge. They need to help me deliver on the environment. They need to help me deliver on good public transport and dealing with our roads systems. They need to get behind the Hale Street Bridge. They need to get on with helping us with neighbourhood planning instead of obstructing as they have for the last 12 months. And they need to get on board with a program of reform internally of Council, because the mums and dads of Brisbane are paying the bills and it's our duty to look after their money, very, very carefully.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS:

945/2004-05

At that time, 10:07am, it was resolved on the motion of the LORD MAYOR, seconded by the DEPUTY MAYOR, that the meeting be adjourned until 9am on Thursday, 16 June 2005, to allow for

Program Information Sessions to be held. The schedule for the Information Sessions was as follows:

Program	Venue	Date and Time
City Governance	Council Chamber	Friday 10 June 2005 11.00am – 2.00pm
Customer Focus	Brisbane Room	Friday 10 June 2005 11.00am – 2.00pm
Economic Development	Council Chamber	Friday 10 June 2005 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Water Supply and Sewerage	Brisbane Room	Friday 10 June 2005 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Environment and Parks	Council Chamber	Tuesday 14 June 2005 9.30am – 12.30pm
Organisational Capability	Brisbane Room	Tuesday 14 June 2005 9.30am – 12 30pm
Your Brisbane	Council Chamber	Tuesday 14 June 2005 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Healthy Waterways	Brisbane Room	Tuesday 14 June 2005 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Future Brisbane	Council Chamber	Wednesday 15 June 2005 9.30 am – 12.30pm
Moving Brisbane	Brisbane Room	Wednesday 15 June 2005 9.30 am – 12.30pm
Healthy and Sustainable	Council Chamber	Wednesday 15 June 2005 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Information Technology	Brisbane Room	Wednesday 15 June 2005 1.00pm – 4.00pm

UPON RESUMPTION:

THIRD DAY – THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2005

PRESENT:

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN)

The Chairperson of Council, Councillor K L BIANCHI

Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, C E BERMINGHAM, L D BRYANT, M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, C R CASHMAN, P CUMMING, M de WIT, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, F A HOPKINS, M A HAYES, D B HINCHLIFFE, G KNAPP, G MacPHERSON, J MAGUB, V NEWTON, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, G M QUIRK, K M REA, S SUTTON, and

N L WYNDHAM.

APOLOGY:

946/2004-05

An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor A BENNISON and she was granted leave of absence on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor J H CAMPBELL.

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE BUDGET FOR 2005-2006:

The Chairperson then called upon the Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) to move the motion for the adoption of the Budgeted Financial Statements.

947/2004-05

The LORD MAYOR subsequently moved, seconded by Councillor G M QUIRK, that the Budgeted Financial Statements, including the Budgeted Income Statement, the Budgeted Appropriations and Reserve Transfers Statement, the Budgeted Balance Sheet, the budgeted Statement of Cash Flows, the Budgeted Statement of Capital Funding and the Budgeted Statement of changes in Equity as outlined on pages no. 7 to 13 be noted for later debate and adoption.

Upon being submitted to the Chamber, the motion was declared carried on the voices.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

Next, the Chairperson advised Councillors that the presentation of the various programs and business units would be in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 53 of the Meetings Subordinate Local Law 2005. He also pointed out that he had approved the Chief Executive Officer's request for Divisional Managers and other pertinent officers to be in the Chamber whilst the program or business unit for which their particular Unit of Administration was responsible, was being debated.

The Chairperson continued by calling upon Councillor Helen ABRAHAMS to present the Water Supply and Sewerage Program.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROGRAM

948/2004-05

Councillor ABRAHAMS moved, seconded by Councillor John CAMPBELL that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects and associated schedules for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Water Supply and Sewerage Program as contained on pages 176 to 189, and 243 and 244 so far as they relate to Program 10, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor ABRAHAMS stated that as far as this program was concerned, three Australian slang terms could be used to report on it: 'looking-great'; good enough; or, oh dear me. She suggested that 'oh dear me' was the appropriate overview for this program. Councillor ABRAHAMS spoke about how the budget process as a whole had been conducted and highlighted the lock-out process of the Chairpersons, and the senior departmental officials whose expertise and experience had been needed for the budget to be competent. She said that because of this process she found herself being put in a roll of review and from this perspective she could see the inconsistencies, inaccuracies and omissions.

Councillor ABRAHAMS then spoke about the Water Supply and Sewerage Program in detail.

The Chairperson called for debate and Councillor John CAMPBELL, as secondary Chairperson for the program, provided the Chamber with a presentation on those parts of the program that fell under his area of responsibility.

The Chairperson called for further debate and Councillors T NICHOLLS, M CALTABIANO, P CUMMING, J H CAMPBELL and the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) spoke in

turn to the program.

Councillor ABRAHAMS closed the debate on the Water Supply and Sewerage Program.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Water Supply and Sewerage Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called on Councillor Graham QUIRK to present the Moving Brisbane program.

MOVING BRISBANE PROGRAM

949/2004-05

Councillor QUIRK then moved, seconded by Councillor M de WIT, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects and associated schedules for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Moving Brisbane Program as contained on pages 113 to 136, and 214 to 235 so far as they relate to Program 7, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor QUIRK said that this program was at the heart of the delivery of the LORD MAYOR's commitment to the people of Brisbane when he was elected just a little more than 12 months ago. He said that there was no shadow of a doubt that the issue of traffic congestion was at the forefront of people's minds when they went to the polls. Councillor QUIRK said that the budget moved the proportion of budget-spend on to transport and traffic related issues from 25 per cent to 29 per cent. He said that in this budget there was record spending in the transport and traffic area. He said that this had come about after a year of great success in the area of public transport. Councillor QUIRK went on to outline some of those successes to the Chamber before speaking to the Moving Brisbane Program in detail.

The Chairperson called for debate and Councillor Helen ABRAHAMS, as secondary Chairperson for the program, provided the Chamber with a presentation on those parts of the program that fell under her area of responsibility.

The Chairperson called for further debate and the MAJORITY LEADER, the DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE) rose to speak to the program.

ADJOURNMENT:

950/2004-05

At the conclusion of the MAJORITY LEADER'S speech, 10:46am, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of 15 minutes.

UPON RESUMPTION:

MOVING BRISBANE PROGRAM (continued)

The Chairperson called for further debate on the program and Councillor M de WIT rose and spoke in support of the program. She was followed in debate by Councillors K FLESSER, L D BRYANT, G MacPHERSON, S SUTTON, F FARMER, C E BERMINGHAM, F HOPKINS, V NEWTON, S GRIFFITHS, H J ABRAHAMS, and J H CAMPBELL.

951/2004-05

As Councillor CAMPBELL was speaking, he moved, seconded by Councillor P CUMMING, the following amendment—

That on page 122, Program 7, Service 7.1.3.1 Maintain and Improve the Network, replace the last sentence of the first paragraph with:

A best value approach, which involves the program manager working in close cooperation with internal providers, will be used to ensure the most cost-effective delivery of the program and use of council staff. Design and Construct is a delivery option to be considered on project works, provided internal providers are not excluded.

Councillor CAMPBELL then spoke to the amendment. He explained that the amendment would not be changing any allocation of funds but that it would provide a clearer direction to Council officers on how the funds were to be expended.

As there was no further debate on the amendment, the Chairperson put to the Chamber the motion to adopt the amendment and it was carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then called for debate on the amended motion for the adoption of the Moving Brisbane Program.

The LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) rose to speak to the motion and he was followed by Councillor QUIRK.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Moving Brisbane Program as amended and it was declared carried on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillor M de WIT and the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN) immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared carried.

The voting was as follows:-

AYES - 24 The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN); the MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE); the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN); and Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, K L BIANCHI, C E BERMINGHAM, L D BRYANT, M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, P CUMMING, M de WIT, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, F HOPKINS, G KNAPP, J MAGUB, V NEWTON, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, G M QUIRK, K M REA, S SUTTON, and N L WYNDHAM.

NOES - Nil

ADJOURNMENT:

952/2004-05
At that time, 12:33pm, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of one hour.

UPON RESUMPTION:

The Chairperson called on the MAJORITY LEADER, DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor David HINCHLIFFE) to present the Future Brisbane Program.

FUTURE BRISBANE PROGRAM

953/2004-05

The DEPUTY MAYOR moved, seconded by Councillor C E BERMINGHAM, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Future Brisbane Program as contained on pages 99 to 112, be adopted.

In so doing, the DEPUTY MAYOR, commented on the title of the program. He said that it could be expected that with this sort of title that it would be like looking into a crystal ball and glimpsing the future of Brisbane. He suggested that the program should reveal the future and how Council was planning for it. He said that to understand the future it was necessary to understand the challenges and the pressures of the present. The DEPUTY MAYOR outlined the challenges and pressures facing Brisbane in particular in relation to the South East Regional Plan. He then mentioned the Neighbourhood Planning Process and commented on the lack of Neighbourhood Plans in the budget. He spoke about the development assessment process and the need for more professional planners. The DEPUTY MAYOR then spoke to the program in detail. He advised that the LORD MAYOR was going to have to move amendments to the fees and charges due to a number of errors contained within the budget.

The Chairperson called for debate on the program. The Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN) entered the debate. She was followed in debate by Councillors P CUMMING, G KNAPP, C E BERMINGHAM, K FLESSER, H J ABRAHAMS and L D BRYANT.

The DEPUTY MAYOR closed the debate on the Future Brisbane Program. He took the opportunity to thank his Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Catherine BERMINGHAM and other councillors for contributing to the debate. He also thanked all of the Council officers involved in the program and wished them well in doing more for less in the program.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Future Brisbane Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called on Councillor Kerry REA to present the Your Brisbane Program.

YOUR BRISBANE PROGRAM

954/2004-05

Councillor REA moved, seconded by Councillor F FARMER, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Your Brisbane Program as contained on pages 60 to 82, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor REA expressed here sincere disappointment and dismay at the changes that had occurred in this program area. She said that the community life part of the program seemed to have disappeared. Councillor REA said that she would like to acknowledge the good things that were in the program in particular the allocation of funds to Affordable Housing and Homelessness; and the changes to the Festival Funding which now included a three-tiered funding system and provided certainty to some organisations. Councillor REA then proceeded to address the program in detail.

The Chairperson called for further debate on the program and Councillors T NICHOLLS, F FARMER and M CALTABIANO took the opportunity to debate the Your Brisbane Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

955/2004-05

At that time, 3.15pm, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of 15 minutes.

UPON RESUMPTION:

The Chairperson called for further debate on the Your Brisbane Program. Councillor F HOPKINS rose to speak to the program and she was followed by Councillor L D BRYANT and Councillor N L WYNDHAM.

The Chairperson called on Councillor REA to close the debate. Councillor REA responded to the issues raised and then thanked the Labor councillors for speaking so passionately for their communities.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion for the adoption of the Your Brisbane Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called on Councillor Kim FLESSER to present the Organisational Capability Program.

ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY PROGRAM

956/2004-05

Councillor Flesser moved, seconded by Councillor S SUTTON, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Organisational Capability Program as contained on pages 190 to 205, be adopted.

Councillor FLESSER began by describing the purpose of the program and then went on to detail the program to the Chamber. He also took the opportunity to provide answers to a number of questions that had been submitted during the budget information session.

As there was no further debate on the program, the Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Organisational Capability Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then called on Councillor John Campbell to present the Business Group.

BUSINESS GROUP

ADJOURNMENT:

957/2004-05

At that juncture, 4:08pm, Councillor CAMPBELL moved, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes to allow for pertinent Council officers to arrive. This motion was put to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

UPON RESUMPTION:

BUSINESS GROUP (continued)

The Chairperson again called on Councillor CAMPBELL to present the Business Group.

Councillor CAMPBELL moved, seconded by Councillor P CUMMING, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and Rolling Projects for the Business Group of Council, incorporating City Fleet, Brisbane Water, Brisbane CityWorks, City Business and Brisbane Transport, as contained on pages 245 and 246, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor CAMPBELL spoke in support of the businesses that made up the Business Group, in particular Brisbane CityWorks. He highlighted what had been achieved by Brisbane CityWorks and criticised the budgeted figures for that unit. He said that he was concerned that the figures were not realistic. Councillor CAMPBELL spoke about the success of Brisbane CityWorks in winning outside work and he outlined some of the work that had been done.

Councillor CAMPBELL said that it was concerning that the budget had slashed the external revenue projections as detailed on page 254 of the budget document. He also commented on the reduction of internal revenue. Councillor CAMPBELL noted the figures in the budget but said that although the bottom line was the same, the figures that had been submitted to the Lord Mayor's Expenditure Review Committee had been changed and he spoke about the consequences of the alterations to the figures.

Councillor CAMPBELL said that as a result of his concern he would move the following amendment to Brisbane CityWorks—

958/2004-05

It was moved by Councillor CAMPBELL, seconded by Councillor P CUMMING that—

Page 253 in the Business Group, Brisbane CityWorks, the second paragraph of the Goal, be replaced by the following:

BCW will focus its efforts towards managing and delivering the highest quality services to its customers, commensurate with the best practice standards of operators of similar businesses throughout Australia. During 2005/2006 there will be a strong focus to manage and/or deliver the internal services to Council in a manner which encourages innovation and strives for efficiency gains. BCW will source external revenue consistent with its capability and capacity to improve both contribution and unit cost to Council in delivering value for money for the ratepayers of Brisbane.

and

On Page 254, the Budgeted Income Statement be amended as follows:

Brisbane CityWorks Budgeted Income Statement for the year ending 30 June 2006	2004-2005 Anticipated \$000	2005-2006 Proposed \$000
Revenue		
External Revenue	30,007	38,124
Internal Revenue	184,732	168,316
Interest Revenue	730	750
Other Revenue	2,123	537
Gain / (Loss) on Disposal	45	-
Other Assets		
Total Revenue	217,547	207,727
Expenses		
Material and Services	83,637	73,567
Employee Costs	71,950	67,916
Equipment Charges	46,913	48,250
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,171	1,678
Finance Costs	-	6
Competitive Neutrality Costs	56	2,449
Other Expenses	1,602	1,591
Total Expenses	205,329	195,457
Net Surplus / (Loss) Before Tax	12,218	12,270
Imputed Income Tax	3,665	3,681
Increase/ (Decrease) in Operating Capability after Tax	8,553	8,589

Councillor CAMPBELL spoke in support of the amendment and he was followed by Councillor J PRENTICE who did not support it.

At that juncture, Councillor T NICHOLLS rose on a point of order. He indicated that because of the proposed changes to the budget the original motion for the adoption of the Business Group may not be competent.

ADJOURNMENT:

959/2004-05

In order to allow for legal advice to be sought, Councillor NICHOLLS, moved, seconded by Councillor M CALTABIANO, that the meeting adjourn for five minutes. The Chairperson submitted the motion to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

UPON RESUMPTION:

The Chairperson resumed the meeting and he called on Councillor CAMPBELL to proceed with the debate.

960/2004-05

Councillor CAMPBELL rose and moved, seconded by Councillor P CUMMING, that the motion to adopt the Business Group be withdrawn. The Chairperson put the motion to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

961/2004-05

Next, Councillor CAMPBELL moved, seconded by Councillor CUMMING, that the motion to adopt the Business Group be amended to include pages 253 and 254 and that the circulated amendments to pages 253 and 254, and the consequential amendments to page 245, be adopted.

At that point, Councillor M de WIT rose and requested that the amendment motion be taken seriatim for voting purposes.

The Chairperson called for debate on the amendment motion and Councillor CAMPBELL took the opportunity to speak in support of the motion.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE BUDGET DEBATE:

962/2004-05

At that time, 5pm, Councillor L D BRYANT moved, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that Council extend the meeting for a period of up to one hour. The motion was put to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called for debate on the amendment motion. The LORD MAYOR rose to speak to the amendment motion and he was followed in the debate by Councillors P CUMMING, M CALTABIANO, M A HAYES, T NICHOLLS and G M QUIRK.

Councillor CAMPBELL closed the debate on the amendment motion, following which the Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion for the adoption of the first part of the amendment motion which read—

That the motion be amended to include pages 253 and 254. This part was carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then submitted the second part of the amendment motion, which read—

That the circulated amendments to pages 253 and 254, and the consequential amendments to page 245, be adopted. This part of the motion was also carried on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillor M de WIT and the MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE)) immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared carried.

The voting was as follows:-

AYES: 16 The MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor D B HINCHLIFFE); and Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, C E BIRMINGHAM, K L BIANCHI, L D BRYANT, J H CAMPBELL, P CUMMING, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, M A HAYES, F HOPKINS, G MacPHERSON, V NEWTON, K M REA and S SUTTON.

NOES: 10 The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN); the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN) and Councillors G M QUIRK, M CALTABIANO, G KNAPP, J MAGUB, M de WIT, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, N WYNDHAM.

ADJOURNMENT:

963/2004-05

At that time, 5:51pm, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor V NEWTON, seconded by Councillor G MacPHERSON, that the meeting adjourn until 9am, Friday, 17 June 2005.

UPON RESUMPTION:

FOURTH DAY – FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 2005

PRESENT:

The Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN)

The Chairperson of Council, Councillor K L BIANCHI

Councillors H J ABRAHAMS, A BENNISON, C E BERMINGHAM, L D BRYANT, M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, C R CASHMAN, P CUMMING, M de WIT, F FARMER, K FLESSER, S GRIFFITHS, F A HOPKINS, M A HAYES, D B HINCHLIFFE, G KNAPP, G MacPHERSON, J MAGUB, V NEWTON, T NICHOLLS, J PRENTICE, G M QUIRK, K M REA, S SUTTON, and N L WYNDHAM.

BUSINESS GROUP (continued)

The Chairperson called for debate on the motion for the Business Group as amended. The motion reads as follows—

That for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and Rolling Projects for the Business Group of Council, incorporating City Fleet, Brisbane Water, Brisbane CityWorks, City Business and Brisbane Transport, as contained on pages 245 and 246, and pages 253 and 254, and that the circulated amendments to pages 253 and 254, and the consequential amendments to page 245, be adopted.

Councillor M CALTABIANO began the debate on the motion and he was followed in debate by Councillor M A HAYES.

As there was no further debate, the Chairperson submitted the motion for the adoption of the Business Group as amended, and it was carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then called on Councillor Kerry REA to present the Customer Focus Program.

CUSTOMER FOCUS PROGRAM

964/2004-05

It was moved by Councillor REA, seconded by Councillor C E BERMINGHAM, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Customer Focus Program as contained on pages 47 to 59, be adopted.

Councillor REA said that once again she was introducing a program that has had a name change. She commented that the change of name clearly signalled that Council wanted to move toward really understanding the individual needs of its customers. Councillor REA said that it was good to see that the customer focus that Council has had over the past ten years was now being highlighted in the new title. However, she said that it was unfortunate that the customer focus training for staff had not been funded in this budget. Councillor REA continued detailing the program to the Chamber.

The Chairperson called for further debate and Councillors T NICHOLLS, F FARMER, and M A HAYES took the opportunity to debate the motion.

Councillor REA closed the debate. She took the opportunity to thank the Department for its efforts. She also praised and thanked the Divisional Manager, Margaret Crawford, for all of the work that she had done during her time with Council.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber, the motion for the adoption of the Customer Focus Program and it was carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called on Councillor Kim FLESSER to present the City Governance program.

CITY GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

965/2004-05

Councillor FLESSER moved, seconded by Councillor S SUTTON, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the City Governance Program as contained on pages 17 to 37, be adopted.

Councillor FLESSER stated that the budget had to be one of the biggest taxing budgets that Brisbane City Council had ever seen. He commented that there were big increases and there was even a new PPP program (punish poor pensioners). Councillor FLESSER distributed in the Chamber a summary of the rates and charges document to all councillors and said that he wanted to talk about some of the figures contained in the executive summary. He highlighted a number of issues and then went on to talk about the City Governance Program in detail.

The Chairperson called for debate on the motion and Councillor M CALTABIANO took the opportunity to enter the debate.

The Deputy Chairperson of Council (Councillor Ann Bennison) assumed the Chair at 10.01am.

Next, Councillor S SUTTON rose to speak to the motion, and in doing so she moved an amendment to the Budget Document.

966/2004-05

Councillor SUTTON moved, seconded by Councillor J H CAMPBELL, that on pages 17 and 22 of the budget document, the words—

Lord Mayor Listens and E&C Listens ...

be deleted and replaced with

Lord Mayor and Civic Cabinet Listens ...

The Deputy Chairperson called for debate on the amendment. As there was no debate she submitted the amendment motion to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

The Deputy Chairperson called for debate on the City Governance Program motion as amended. Councillor M A HAYES rose and spoke to the motion.

As there was no further debate, the Deputy Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion for the adoption of the City Governance Program as amended and it was carried on the voices.

The Deputy Chairperson called on Councillor Helen ABRAHAMS to present the Environment and Parks Program.

ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS PROGRAM

967/2004-05

It was moved by Councillor ABRAHAMS, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects and associated schedules for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Environment and Parks Program as contained on pages 137 to 157, and 235 to 239 so far as they relate to Program 8, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor ABRAHAMS again highlighted the role of review position which the Labor Chairpersons had to play as they had not been involved in the budget preparation. She then spoke in detail about the Environment and Parks Program.

The Deputy Chairperson called for debate on the program and Councillors J MAGUB and F FARMER responded, in turn, to address the motion.

968/2004-05

Next, Councillor T NICHOLLS rose to move an amendment to the program. He moved, seconded by Councillor M CALTABIANO that—

In program 8 – Environment and Parks, page 145, delete existing Service Development 8.3.1.1.D03 and replace with the following:

‘Service Development 8.3.1.1.D03 Ward Community and Parks Development Funds and Ward Parks Trust Funds.

Description. *To ensure Councillors can continue to meet community requests to improve parks, build minor works and support community activities, this program consists of two projects:-*

- (a) the 26 Ward Parks Trust Funds with income sourced from developer contribution. ICP’s means no further contributions to these Funds after 30 June 2007.*
- (b) 26 new Ward Community and Parks Development Funds to be funded with grants from general revenue of \$125,000 each per annum.*

The Ward Park Trust Funds will be used to purchase land for parks and improve facilities in parks.

The Ward Community and Parks Development Funds will be used to purchase land for parks, improve facilities in parks and support community activities.’

Councillor NICHOLLS then debated the amendment.

ADJOURNMENT:

969/2004-05

At that time, 10:45am, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of 15 minutes.

UPON RESUMPTION:

The Deputy Chairperson called for debate on the amendment motion and as there was no further debate she submitted it to the Chamber and it was carried on the voices.

The Deputy Chairperson then called for debate on the Environment and Parks Program as amended.

Councillor M A HAYES rose and addressed the motion.

The Deputy Chairperson called for further debate. As there was none, she submitted to the Chamber the adoption motion for the amended Environment and Parks Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Deputy Chairperson called on Councillor Helen ABRAHAMS to present the Healthy Waterways program.

HEALTHY WATERWAYS PROGRAM

970/2004-05

Councillor ABRAHAMS moved, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects and associated schedules for the year 2005-2006 and the rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Healthy Waterways Program as contained on pages 158 to 175, and 240 to 253 so far as they relate to Program 9, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor ABRAHAMS took the opportunity to acknowledge the work that had been undertaken by Barry Ball and other Council officers who had been instrumental in putting this program together for the information session presentation and for the debate in the Chamber at short notice. She advised that this program had originally been one but had been split into the Healthy Waterways Program and the Water Supply and Sewerage Program. Councillor ABRAHAMS said that this has led to an increased impost on Council officers to actually tease out and understand what was in the program. She highlighted the engagement by the community in Healthy Waterways and she commended this program in that regard. Councillor ABRAHAMS then spoke in detail about the program.

The Deputy Chairperson called for further debate on this item. Councillor J MAGUB rose and entered the debate and she was followed by Councillor S GRIFFITHS, the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN), Councillor V NEWTON and Councillor S SUTTON.

Next, the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) entered the debate and he was followed by Councillor M A HAYES.

Councillor ABRAHAMS concluded the debate.

The Chairperson of Council (Councillor K L BIANCHI) resumed the Chair at 11:50am
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The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Healthy Waterways Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then called on Councillor Kim FLESSER to present the Information Technology Program.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

971/2004-05

It was moved by Councillor FLESSER, seconded by Councillor S SUTTON that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Information Technology Program as contained on pages 206 to 213, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor FLESSER spoke in detail about what was contained in the program and what had been moved out of it. He also responded to a number of questions that had been raised during the Budget Information Session on this program.

As there was no further debate, the Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion to adopt the Information Technology Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson called on Councillor Helen ABRAHAMS to present the Healthy and Sustainable Brisbane Program.

HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE BRISBANE PROGRAM

972/2004-05

Councillor ABRAHAMS moved, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Healthy and Sustainable Brisbane Program as contained on pages 83 to 98, be adopted.

In so doing, Councillor ABRAHAMS advised that she would be discussing 5.1 Managing Brisbane's Waste and 5.2 Sustainability. Before discussing the program in detail, Councillor ABRAHAMS acknowledged the work of Margaret Allison and Scott Losee who found themselves in charge of this program. She congratulated them for their work in getting the information together for the Budget Information Session. Councillor ABRAHAMS also acknowledged the work that had been done by Ian Christensen.

The Chairperson called for debate and Councillor Kerry REA, as secondary Chairperson for the program, provided the Chamber with a presentation on those parts of the program that fell under her area of responsibility namely 5.3 Public Health; 5.4 Brisbane's Cemeteries and Crematoria and 5.5 Citizens' Security.

ADJOURNMENT:

973/2004-05

At that time, 12:34pm, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor L D BRYANT, seconded by Councillor V NEWTON, that the meeting adjourn for a period of one hour.

UPON RESUMPTION:

HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE BRISBANE PROGRAM(continued)

The Chairperson called for further debate on the program. Councillors J MAGUB, G MacPHERSON, M CALTABIANO and J H CAMPBELL rose in turn to address the item.

The debate was concluded by Councillor ABRAHAMS.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion for the adoption of the Healthy and Sustainable Brisbane Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

The Chairperson then called on the MAJORITY LEADER and DEPUTY MAYOR, Councillor David HINCHLIFFE, to present the Economic Development Program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

974/2004-05

It was moved by the DEPUTY MAYOR, seconded by Councillor C E BERMINGHAM, that for the services of the Council, the allocations for the Operations and the Projects for the year 2005-2006 and the Rolling Recurrent Operations Contracts and the Rolling Projects for the Economic Development Program as contained on pages 38 to 46, be adopted.

In so doing, the DEPUTY MAYOR began by thanking the Manager of Economic Development, Julie Harrison and her team as well as the Finance Officer in Community and Economic Development, Rod James, and Ngan Tran. He said that without these people the budget could not be interpreted and implemented. The DEPUTY MAYOR also reflected on the report on Economic Development which had been a part of the Corporate Improvement Program as a result of the A T KEARNEY review. The report had identified that the role played by Council in economic development was absolutely critical. The DEPUTY MAYOR then turned to address the detail contained in the program.

The Chairperson called for further debate and Councillor M CALTABIANO rose to debate the program. He was followed by the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN) and Councillor A BENNISON who both addressed the item. The debate was closed by the DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Chairperson submitted to the Chamber the motion for the adoption of the Economic Development Program and it was declared carried on the voices.

That concluded the consideration of the Programs and the Business Group, and the Chairperson therefore called on the LORD MAYOR (Councillor C K T NEWMAN) to move a motion for the adoption of the budget.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

975/2004-05

The LORD MAYOR moved, seconded by Councillor G M QUIRK, that Council adopt the 2005/2006 Budget comprising:-

- (a) the Budgeted Financial Statements including the Budgeted Income Statement, the Budgeted Appropriations and Reserve Transfers Statement, the Budgeted Balance Sheet, the Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows, the Budget Statement of Capital Funding and the Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity as tabled.
- (b) the adopted Budget Programs for Programs 1 to 12 and the Business Group;
- (c) the rates and charges as set out in the Resolution of Rates and Charges on pages 273 to 308 of the Budget Document; and
- (d) the Fees and Charges as specified in the document entitled Fees and Charges with pages 8, 13, 21, 26 and 27 substituted as tabled.

The Chairperson called on the LORD MAYOR to commence debate on the motion. The LORD MAYOR rose and spoke briefly. He was followed by Councillors M CALTABIANO, J H CAMPBELL, K FLESSER, T NICHOLLS, M A HAYES and the DEPUTY MAYOR. The LORD MAYOR closed the debate and he took the opportunity to thank everybody involved in putting it together.

The Chairperson then put the motion for the adoption of the 2005-2006 Budget to the Chamber, which resulted in its being declared carried on the voices.

Thereupon, Councillor M de WIT and the Leader of the OPPOSITION (Councillor C R CASHMAN) immediately rose and called for a division, which resulted in the motion being declared carried.

