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### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Presiding Officer, Cr S Pollard declared the meeting open at 5:32pm.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

*Parts of Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council members and employees to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this agenda.*

*The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter being discussed.*

*NB A Council member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the disclosed matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.*

## **3. ATTENDANCE**

### **3.1 Council**

President	Cr S B Pollard
Councillors	T M Little U Rumjantsev R W Tinetti D G Beresford R M Head J E Williams
Chief Executive Officer	N A Hale
Project Manager Community Infrastructure	C B Hunt

### **3.2 Gallery**

Nil

## **4. APOLOGIES**

Cr K Saunders, Cr A Llewellyn and Cr D Hughes

## **5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **6. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

## 7. AGENDA ITEMS

### 7.1. Special Items

#### 7.1.1 HENRY STREET OVAL UPGRADE

Name of Applicant:	Council
Name of Owner	Internal Report
File Ref:	1.6.22
Officer:	Neville Hale / Chadd Hunt
Officer Interest:	N/A
Policy:	N/A
Voting:	Simple Majority
Date:	26 October 2012

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider further improvements to be made to the Henry Street Oval to facilitate the hosting of an AFL NAB Cup match in Northam on 9 March 2013.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The AFL has agreed to allocate a NAB Cup match to Northam as part of its 2013 fixtures. It has proposed a match between Fremantle Dockers V Western Bulldogs to be schedule for 9 March 2013.

To facilitate this match a number of improvements will be required, especially to the existing playing surface together with a suitable fence of the ground perimeter.

#### **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

*Local Government Act 1995 – 6.2 Local Government to prepare annual budget  
- 6.8 Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget*

#### **CONFORMITY WITH THE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

Key Result Area: Building Our Community

Goal: To maintain a balance between maintenance of our lifestyle and sense of community with population growth and accompanying development.

## Outcomes Strategies:

- Plan and implement improvements to Northam townsite image, river and entry statements
- Encourage the community to develop its own sense of pride through activities that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the townsites
- Encourage local events for local residents
- Encourage a collaborative approach with residents and special interest groups to identify projects, challenges and solutions.
- Encourage the community involvement through volunteering.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Following the establishment of a required scope of works it has been estimated that an amount of approximately \$105,000 will be required to undertake the required turf enhancement, earth banks and fencing. Council has previously approved funding of \$35,000 for turf works and the existing budget provides \$15,000 funding for fencing.

The revised budget is as follows:

	\$
Turf Contractor -	28,757
Sand	32,000
Fence (materials only)	30,000 (waiting on firm quote)
Entry Gate & Box	<u>5,000 (estimated)</u>
 Total	 95,757 ex GST
10% Contingency	<u>9,575</u>
Total	\$105,332
 Existing Budget	
Fencing-	15,000
Council previous resolution	35,000
Sporting Equipment	<u>5,000</u>
 Total	 55,000
 Shortfall	 \$50,000

The Recreation and Community Facilities Reserve has a balance of \$396,128.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

The additional cost over and above that previously approved is a result of closer examination of the soil and these works would be expensed against the existing budget provision for ground maintenance. The perimeter fence upgrade is required for the elite player group as it helps them visualise the boundaries, it will also add significantly to the appearance of the oval.

In order to establish a uniform playing surface it will be necessary to remove some 150mm of old turf and clay based soil and replace with clean sand. It is anticipated that that to purchase, cart and spread this sand will add some \$43,000 to the project. Moreover, it is expected the fence will cost \$30,000 to purchase materials and we would be relying on volunteer support to erect.

Other matters such as goal posts (supplied by AFL) ground signage, etc will be sourced from existing provisions and contribution of volunteer labour.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **Minute No C.1876**

**Moved: Cr R Head**  
**Seconded: Cr T Little**

**That Council endorse the hosting of the AFL NAB Cup match to be held in March 2013 at the Northam Recreation Centre and adjacent playing fields; and**

**Approve an additional expenditure of \$50,000 to be expensed against existing budget provisions for ground maintenance A/C 11342042 – Public Parks and Gardens & Reserves and A/C 11349404 -Henry Street Oval Fencing with funding to be sourced from the Recreation and Community Facilities Reserve.**

**Simple Majority Required**

**CARRIED 6/1**

**8. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Presiding Officer, Cr S Pollard declared the meeting closed at 5:54pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, 29 October 2012 have been confirmed as a true and correct record."

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date