

**FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19h30 ON THURSDAY, 30 May 2019
AT CIVIC CENTRE HALL, FISH HOEK**

1. *Welcome*

Brian Youngblood (BY), Chairman of FHVRRA, welcomed the attendees and discussed two administration issues:-

Minutes - the minutes of the AGM of 28 February, 2019 were approved (proposed: Matthew Gray, seconded: John Shaw)

Change of Constitution - BY requested a change to accommodate FHVRRA becoming a member of the Western Cape Heritage Society. Motion carried unanimously.

2. *Presentation - Patrick Dowling (PD)*

BY introduced Patrick Dowling, the guest speaker, chairman of Kommetjie Residents & Ratepayers Association and a former chairman of the Far South Peninsula Community Forum. PD congratulated the FHVRRA and all the concerned ratepayers and residents present for their efforts.

PD referred to Clem Sunter's five "flags" posing threats to the world:-

Green - Climate change and pollution and lack of appropriate remediation by politicians

Red - Russia, China, North Korea

Purple - Religious Conflict eg Iran/USA war?

Grey - Europe, Japan, USA aging and hungry young in Africa, Asia

Multicolour – Anti-establishment eg populism, Brexit, Democrat / Republican discord, fake news

He then raised:-

- RSA national debt at R3 trillion or R56 000 per capita
- Harari's belief that AI would put many humans in the "useless slot"
- Union of Atomic Scientists who believe that the world is at "two minutes to midnight" from nuclear war; the worst situation since the Cuban missile crisis
- An earth scientist quote, "I was born in 1970. Since then the world's population has doubled; wildlife has declined by 60%; 50% of rain forest has been destroyed with another 25% to follow soon; biodiversity has decreased to the extent this century may result in one of the greatest extinctions of all time."
- The video summary of the IPCC "Paris Accord" report on climate change describing the impact of a 1,5 C temperature increase on the world.

PD turned to local issues in the Far South, which would need to think globally but act locally:-

Immediate

- *Road Congestion* - OKW over capacity 10 year ago, but no extra lanes or tunnels in prospect; Chapmans Peak toll relief unlikely; PRASA dysfunctional
- *Densification* - 3 dwellings per plot by-law; Masi extending into the wetlands; Houmoed Extension #2 urban edge ineffective and Houmoed Ext #1 is unnecessary
- *Masiphumelele* - political stress due to no leadership; limited costly land
- *"Gatvol"* - disdainfully rejected by de Lille
- *"Rates & Services"* - increases causing growing resentment
- *Property Valuations* - older residents forced to sell
- *Security* - increasing need and cost
- *Schools*
- *Hospitals*
- *Green* - City & developers violating the urban edge
- *Baboons* - threatened by profligate waste and development

Medium Term

- *Private Vehicles* – increase
- *5G* - work from home
- *Developments* - City planning philosophy
- *Crime* - SAPS?!?
- *Energy* - Eskom, City?
- *Rainfall*
- *BnB / rental*
- *Emigrate / semi-grate*

Longer Term

- *Urbanisation*
- *Sea Levels*
- *Public Transport* - self driving electric vehicles?
- *Social Integration*
- *Eco system Epiphany*
- *Off-grid energy*
- *Food Growing*

3. *Questions*

Q: When would sea level rise affect Fish Hoek

A: Not sure, slow rise

4. *Councillors Report - Aimee Kuhl (AK)*

AK agreed with most of PD's presentation and posed the following question to PD:-

“How can the influx of people be restricted? How do we address the other issues for Fish Hoek? For example, she and a couple of other councillors had proposed a reduction in fixed electricity and water charges for properties valued at less than R 2 million. This proposal had been overwhelmingly rejected by the council.

PD answered that he perceived the City planners to be obdurate and rigid in their beliefs about inevitable densification of cities. They failed to take into account the nature of the area. The Far South was primarily an area of rare and great natural beauty that needs to be preserved for recreation and controlled tourism and not developed for housing or industrial purposes. The public representatives and civic bodies needed to pursue that goal with great zeal.

AK requested that civic bodies use the sub-council agendas and the FSPCF to address, *inter alia*, the issues raised by PD. This would ensure follow-up.

AK is also an advocate of decentralisation of government and will continue to campaign for it.

AK also believes the elevation of Felicity Purchase to Mayco will assist the Far South.

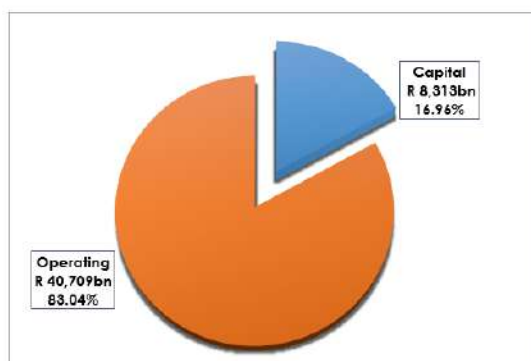
5. *Chairman's Report*

The chairman made a visual presentation of his report and referred to the quarterly newsletter on the fishhoekratepayers.com website.

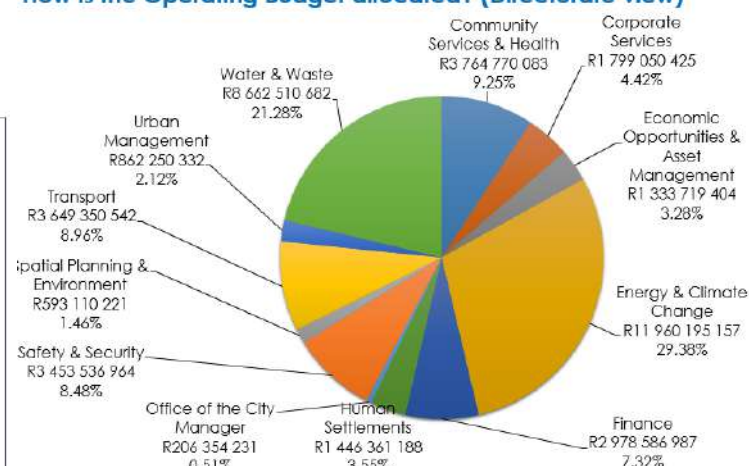
5.1 City Budget Presentation

Total 2019/20 Proposed City Budget

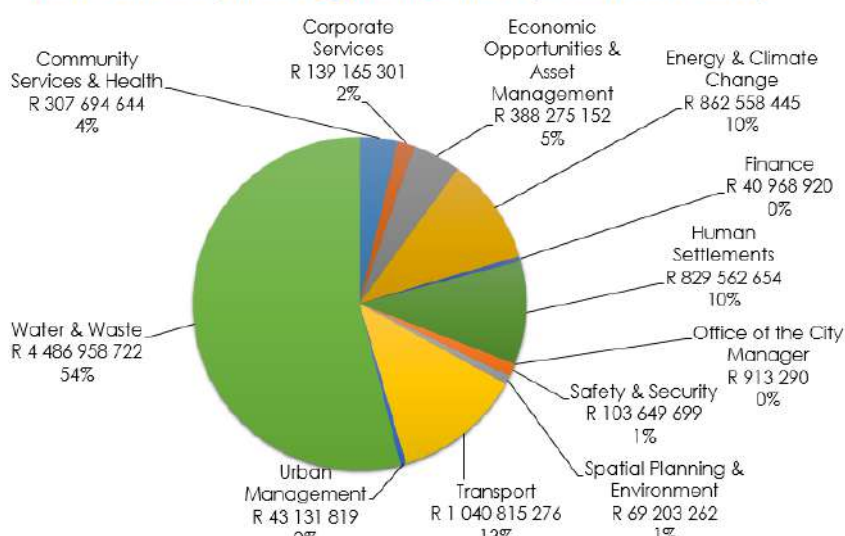
R49 billion
 - Operating Budget : R40.7 billion
 - Capital Budget : R8.3 billion



How is the Operating Budget allocated? (Directorate view)



How is the Capital Budget allocated? (Directorate view)



Proposed Capital projects and Operating Ward Allocation projects within Subcouncil area

Project	Proposed Budget		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Alien Vegetation removal - Wards 61 & 69	300 000	0	0
Employ Field Workers - Wards 61 & 69	400 000	0	0
Law Enforcement Officers - Subcouncil 19	1 180 000	0	0
Radios & Firearms - Subcouncil 19	120 000	0	0
Road Dualling: Kommetjie Road & Ou Kaapse Weg	24 900 000	0	0
Kommetjie Road Dualling (Phase 3)	0	0	2 000 000
Shark Net - Subcouncil 19	150 000	0	0
Training to operate drones - Ward 69	100 000	0	0
Wildevolevlei Waste Water Treatment Works - Upgrade dewatering	2 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000

Road Dualling is just to finish off the work already started and not the double lane “up” proposal

Wildevolevlei dewatering is to replace the 10-year old mechanical water removal system that allows the biologically treated sludge to be transported to agricultural sites without the additional weight of the water. Grit and screenings must go to a landfill site as required by legislation. Wildevolevlei is only running at 40% to 62% capacity.

Additional capital projects in Area South

Project	Proposed Budget		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Human Settlements Asset Management Programme - Area South	26 682 775	77 183 704	-
Business Support Infrastructure Development - Area South	-	2 500 000	2 500 000
Early Childhood Development: Informal Settlements - Area South	2 000 000	5 000 000	3 993 000
Economic Development Facilities - South	852 500	337 500	1 062 500
Electrification - Area South	14 411 000	10 517 500	10 375 000
Ideal Clinics - Area South	7 000 000	3 000 000	5 000 000
MV Switchgear Refurbishment - Area South	20 000 000	22 000 000	24 000 000
MV System Infrastructure - Area South	19 000 000	46 700 000	40 000 000
National Core Standards Compliance - Area South	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000

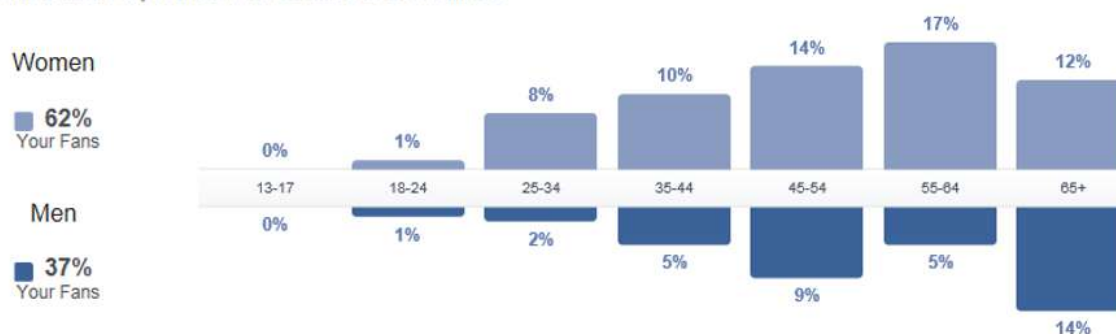
Additional capital projects in Area South (2)

Project	Proposed Budget		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
New Health Clinics - Area South	500 000	3 000 000	10 000 000
Social Services Centres in Informal Settlements- Area South	2 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000
Street Lighting - Area South	7 000 000	9 000 000	9 800 500
Substations: Fencing - Area South	12 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000
Electricity Generation & Distribution System Equipment Replacement - Area South	60 000 000	55 000 000	55 000 000
Trading Plan Infrastructure Area South	852 500	337 500	1 062 500
Upgrade Security- Area South	500 000	500 000	1 582 500
Ward Allocations - Area South	*	8 250 000	8 250 000

FHVRRA's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/FHVRRA/posts/>

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69% have never been members; 15% are expired members; 16% are current members

Arising from this, AK was asked to comment on the Energy & Climate Change budget of the City. In reply AK described several projects:-

- A study of alternative energy sources other than national
- Biogas from landfill at the Zandvlei
- Climate change impact remediation

5.2 Kommetjie Road “4 Ways” Upgrade

Expected project completion delayed to February 2020

5.3 “Lighthouse” Storm-water System

Samples have been taken. Report back at 22 August QGM

5.4 Fibre-Optic Installers

Q: When will they finish? A: uncertain at this stage

Q: Are they allowed to work at all hours and all days, including holidays?

A: urged to finish ASAP

5.5 Recycling of Waste

60 percent of the waste from the Fish Hoek Main Street and green bins was found to be recyclable. Pilot project will follow.

5.6 City's Law Enforcement Officers given powers of arrest

5.7 Beach

Benches – THANK YOU

Q: When will the lights be fixed? A: awaiting new budget cycle starting July

6. General

Q: How had the City allowed the debacle concerning the V&A desalination plant to arise?

A: AK was not familiar with the details but would investigate, especially in her new role as a member of the procurements portfolio committee and as part of a general desire to ensure that the City officials involved were appropriately skilled to manage such issues. PS welcomed AK's undertaking, but expressed the view that this issue had all the hallmarks of an inadequate tender process by the City and served as yet another example of FHVRRA's concern about the productivity and efficiency of City personnel.