6. ARMAGH STREET CONSTRUCTION ZONE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for the installation of a construction zone on the south side of Armagh Street just west of Colombo Street (see attached plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Hawkins Construction Ltd is currently building a 13 storey apartment building (stage 1) at 102 Armagh Street, with a planned completion date of 31 March 2006.
- 3. They now wish to commence Stage 2 of this project which covers the area shown as 'Contractor Site Village'. Stage 2 incorporates retail space on the ground floor and parking for the apartment owners on floors 1, 2 and 3.
- 4. Currently the tower crane unloads trucks within the Contractor Site Village. However, to allow Stage 2 to proceed it will be necessary for the tower crane to unload trucks from the kerb side. Hawkins Construction have requested that the Council make space available for this.
- 5. Hawkins Construction have now asked that an additional construction zone for "Authorised Vehicles Only" be created by removing the three parking meters adjacent to and east of the site access. They plan to place an open ended 12 metre long shipping container fully equipped with lighting and suitable flooring on the footpath adjacent to the new construction zone. This will offer protection to pedestrians during the construction phase.
- 6. However, while the crane is unloading trucks in the adjacent construction zone, pedestrian movement will be managed to ensure no risk to the public.
- 7. Although the establishment of the new construction zone will require the removal of three parking meters, plenty of off-street parking is available in the adjacent Farmers Car Park Building.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8. There is a minor cost to the Council for the removal of the meters but Hawkins Construction are charged at standard rates for the space occupied by the Construction zone for the duration of the project. Marking of construction zone and signs = \$400.
- The governing legislation for construction zones is the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 states: Part 6 stopping and parking, sub clause 6.4 Parking contrary to notice, traffic sign or marking.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council agree that:

- (a) The three parking meters with a time limit of 60 minutes on the south side of Armagh Street, commencing at a point 28.5 metres from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 19.5 metres, be temporarily revoked, while in use as a construction zone.
- (b) That a "Construction Zone Authorised Vehicles Only" be created on the south side of Armagh Street, commencing at a point 28.5 metres from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 19.5 metres.