

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT GAMBIER ON WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015 AT 5.30 P.M.

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrew Lee, Cr Mark Lovett, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Hanna Persello, Cr Penny Richardson, Cr Ian Von Stanke and Cr Steve Perryman (arrived at 5.37pm).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Richardson moved that the apologies from Cr Des Mutton, Cr Christian Greco and Cr Frank Morello be received.

Cr Meziniec seconded Carried

**COUNCIL OFFICERS:** Chief Executive Officer - Mr M McShane  
Director – Corporate Services - Mr G Humphries  
Director – Operational Services - Mr D Sexton

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

**1. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW - Ref. AF14/427**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) The draft 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget issued for public consultation provides for the following estimates of income and expenditure:

	<b><u>Draft</u></b>	<b><u>Revised</u></b>
Required Rates	17,956,000	17,956,000
Operating Revenue	6,368,000	6,368,000
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>24,302,000</u>	<u>24,258,000</u>
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	(Surplus) 22,000	(Surplus) 66,000
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	6,890,000	6,890,000
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	874,000	874,000
Less Capital Expenditure	6,088,000	6,088,000
Budget Cash Surplus / (-Deficit) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	(50)	(Deficit) (6)

Increase in gross rate revenue of 4.5% (including growth) would be required.

**Cr Von Stanke moved that the report be received for information.**

**Cr Lovett seconded Carried**

**2. DRAFT 2015/2016 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRAM - Ref. AF14/427**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

Council at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 resolved:

- (a) *In accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, the following Program leading up to the adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2015/2016 is proposed (actual dates to be confirmed):*

<b>Date (2015)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Completed</b>
March/April	Members Budget Workshops/Briefing(s) (actual dates to be confirmed).	Yes
by 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Draft Business Plan and Budget released for public comment.	Yes
by 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Public submissions on draft Business Plan and Budget close.	Yes
early June	First Special (public) Meeting to hear any public submissions and to discuss the draft Business Plan and Budget.	Yes
mid June	Second Special (public) Meeting to be held to discuss/finalise the draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).	Yes
late June/July	Special Council meeting to be held to finalise and endorse draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).	Yes
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last date for finalisation/distribution of first quarterly rate notice and distribution of summary Annual Business Plan.	
11 <sup>th</sup> September	First quarterly rate installment final payment due.	

**Cr Meziniec moved that the report be received for information.**

**Cr Lovett seconded**

**Carried**

**3. ADOPTION OF 2015/16 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN - AF14/427**

**Cr Richardson moved that pursuant to the provisions of 123(6) of the Local Government Act, 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, Council;**

- (a) **having considered submissions made during the public consultation period and having regard to all relevant information in the possession of the Council, hereby adopts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 the Annual Business Plan, and;**
- (b) **the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any necessary alterations and amendments to the text of the Annual Business Plan (principally accommodating amendments made at Budget meetings) prior to formal publication.**

**Cr Von Stanke seconded**

**Carried**

4. **ADOPTION OF 2015/16 BUDGET** - Ref. AF14/427

Cr Lynagh moved:

- (a) Council adopt the following estimates of income and expenditure as provided for in the 2015/2016 Business Plan and Budget incorporating an overall increase in rate revenue of 4.5%:

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Required Rates	17,956,000
Operating Revenue	6,368,000
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>24,258,000</u>
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	(Surplus) 66,000
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	6,890,000
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	874,000
Less Capital Expenditure	6,088,000
Budget Cash Surplus / (-Deficit) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	(Deficit) (6,000)

- (b) Council adopts the Budget for the 2015/16 financial year, which includes the following documents pursuant to Section 123(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

- (i) Budgeted Operating Statement/Budgeted Income Statement
- (ii) Budgeted Statement of Financial Position
- (iii) Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity
- (iv) Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows
- (v) Budgeted Balance Sheet

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF CAPITAL VALUATIONS** - Ref. AF15/252

Cr Von Stanke moved that pursuant to Section 167(2) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council adopts for rating purposes for the 2015/2016 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the CAPITAL VALUES applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$3,456,903,740 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

6. **DECLARATION OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF LAND USES AND CODES** – Ref. AF15/230

Cr Von Stanke moved that in exercise of the powers contained in Chapter 10 of the Local Government Act 1999, the attribution of the land uses in the Assessment Record for the 2015/2016 financial year will be in accordance with the categories of land use prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

7. **DECLARATION OF RATES** – Ref. AF15/230

Cr Von Stanke moved that pursuant to Sections 152(1)(c), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in order to raise rates in the amount of \$17,956,000 the Council hereby declares that differential general rates will apply and will vary according to the use of the land and declares the differential general rates for rateable land within the Council area for the 2015/16 financial year will be as follows:

1. .22631 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (a) (Residential) use;
2. .611037 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (b) (Commercial-Shop) category (c) (Commercial-Office), category (d) (Commercial-Other) use;
3. .611037 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (e) (Industry-Light) and category (f) (Industry-Other) use;
4. .22631 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (g) (Primary Production) use;
5. .611037 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (h) (Vacant Land) use;
6. .22631 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (i) (Other) use;

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

8. **DECLARATION OF A FIXED CHARGE** – Ref. AF15/230

Cr Lovett moved that pursuant to Section 152(1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council declares in respect of the 2015/16 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$585.80.

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

**9. DECLARATION OF SEPARATE RATE - Ref. AF15/230**

Cr Von Stanke moved that in exercise of the powers contained in Section 95 of the Natural Resources Management Act, 2004 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act, 1999 and in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the South East Natural Resources Management Board being a net \$578,276 (after write offs), a separate rate of \$42.00 per assessment be declared based on a fixed charge of the same amount on all rateable land in the Councils area and in the area of the said Board for the 2015/16 financial year.

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

**10. DECLARATION OF RESIDENTIAL RATE CAP - Ref. AF15/230**

Cr Richardson moved that pursuant to section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2015/2016 being met, the Council fixes a maximum increase to the general rate of 15% in respect of any rateable land that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer and determines that any amount in excess of the 15% be remitted.

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

**11. PAYMENT OF COUNCIL RATES - Quarterly Billing - Ref AF15/230**

Cr Richardson moved that that pursuant to Section 181(2) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council declares that quarterly payment of rates and charges in respect of the 2015/16 financial year be payable on or before:

- Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

Meeting closed at 5.47 p.m.

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