

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier
on Wednesday 5th July, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT
Mayor Andrew Lee
Cr Christian Greco
Cr Sonya Mezinec
Cr Frank Morello
Cr Steven Perryman
Cr Penny Richardson
Cr Ian Von Stanke

COUNCIL OFFICERS	Chief Executive Officer	-	Mr M McShane
	General Manager Community Wellbeing	-	Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager Council Business Services	-	Mrs P Lee
	General Manager City Growth	-	Dr J Nagy
	General Manager City Infrastructure	-	Mr N Serle
	Finance Manager	-	Mr G Button
	Administration Officer Executive Support	-	Mrs F McGregor

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. APOLOGY(IES)

Apologies received from Cr Mutton, Cr Persello and Cr Lynagh

That the apologies from Cr Mutton, Cr Persello and Cr Lynagh be received.

Moved: Cr Morello

Seconded: Cr Perryman

Carried

2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Reports commence on the following page.



2.1. Council Report No. AR17/25096 - Draft 2017/2018 Budget Update

- (a) That Council Report No. AR17/25096 titled '*Draft 2017/2018 Budget Update*' dated 28 June 2017 as presented to the Council on 5 July 2017 be noted.

Moved: Cr Richardson

Seconded: Cr Meziniec

Carried

3. **ADOPTION OF 2017/18 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN - Ref. AF16/326**

Cr Meziniec 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 30th June, 2018 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 Richardson seconded

Carried

4. **ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 BUDGET - Ref. AF16/326**

Cr Meziniec moved:

- (a) Council adopt the following estimates of income and expenditure as provided for in the 2017/2018 Business Plan and Budget incorporating an overall increase in rate revenue of 4.5%:

	\$
Required Rates	19,608,000
Operating Revenue	7,415,000
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>26,690,000</u>
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	333,000
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	7,080,000
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	690,000
Less Capital Expenditure	6,883,000
Plus Capital Revenue	<u>569,000</u>
Budget Cash Surplus / (Deficit) as at 30 th June 2018	409,000



- (b) Council adopts the Budget for the 2017/2018 financial year, which includes the following documents (*Agenda Attachment 1 - AR17/18096 Financial Statements*) pursuant to Section 123(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.
 - (i) Budgeted Statement of Comprehensive Income
 - (ii) Budgeted Statement of Financial Position
 - (iii) Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity
 - (iv) Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows
 - (v) Budgeted Financial Indicators
 - (vi) Budgeted Uniform Presentation of Finances

Cr Von Stanke seconded

AMENDMENT

Cr Greco moved:

That the 2017/2018 Budget is balanced with zero surplus and the percentage rates adjusted accordingly.

Cr Richardson seconded

The Amendment was put and declared LOST

The Motion was put and Carried

Cr Greco called for a division

The declaration was then set aside

Voting by Division being:

For:

- Cr Von Stanke
- Cr Morello
- Cr Mezinec
- Cr Perryman

Against:

- Cr Greco
- Cr Richardson

The Motion was put and Carried



5. ADOPTION OF CAPITAL VALUATIONS - Ref. AF17/178

Cr Morello moved that pursuant to Section 167(2) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council adopts for rating purposes for the 2017/2018 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the CAPITAL VALUES applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$3,546,775,340 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is the 5th day of July, 2017.

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF LAND USES AND CODES – Ref. AF17/178

Cr Meziniec 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 2017/2018 financial year will be in accordance with the categories of land use prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

Cr Perryman seconded

Carried

7. DECLARATION OF RATES – Ref. AF17/178

Cr Perryman 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 \$19,608,000 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 2017/2018 financial year will be as follows:

1. .24194 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of category (a) (Residential) category (g) Primary Production., and category (i) (Other) use;
2. .653238 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) category (e) (Industry-Light), category (f) (Industry-Other) and category (h) (Vacant Land) use;

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried



8. DECLARATION OF A FIXED CHARGE – Ref. AF17/178

Cr Perryman moved that pursuant to Section 152(1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1999 the Council declares in respect of the 2017/2018 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$630.30.

Cr Mezinec seconded

Carried

9. DECLARATION OF SEPARATE RATE - Ref. AF17/178

Cr Perryman 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 regulation 4B of the Natural Resources Management (Financial Provisions) Regulations 2005 in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the South East Natural Resources Management Board being a net \$1,079,041 (after write offs), differential separate rates based on a fixed charge of an amount that depends upon the use of the land on all rateable land in the Council's area and in the area of the said Board for the 2017/2018 financial year as follows:

1. \$72.65 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) (Residential), category (h) (Vacant Land) and category (i) (Other) use;
2. \$110.05 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) (Commercial-Shop) category (c) (Commercial-Office), category (d) (Commercial-Other) use;
3. \$174.30 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) (Industry-Light) and category (f) (Industry-Other) use;
4. \$323.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (g) (Primary Production) use;

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

10. DECLARATION OF RESIDENTIAL RATE CAP - Ref. AF17/178

Cr Perryman moved that pursuant to section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the financial year ending 30th June 2018 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2017/2018 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 Mezinec seconded

Carried



11. PAYMENT OF COUNCIL RATES - Quarterly Billing - Ref. AF17/178

Cr Perryman 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 2017/2018 financial year be payable on or before:

- Friday, 8th September 2017
- Friday, 8th December 2017
- Friday, 9th March 2018
- Friday, 8th June 2018

Cr Mezinec seconded

Carried

Meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

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