

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT GAMBIER ON MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2016 AT 6.00 P.M.

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PRESENT Mayor Andrew Lee, Cr Christian Greco, Cr Mark Lovett, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Steve Perryman, Cr Penny Richardson, Cr Ian Von Stanke

APOLOGIES: Cr Von Stanke moved that the apologies from Cr Mutton and Cr Persello be received.

Cr Richardson seconded Carried

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer - Mr M McShane  
 Director – Corporate Services - Mr G Humphries  
 Acting Director – Operational Services - Mr D Morgan  
 Manager Community Services and Development - Ms B Cernovskis  
 Manager Governance and Property - Mr M McCarthy

**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 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRAM - Ref. AF15/461**

The Director - Corporate Services reported that the following Business Plan and Budget program has been endorsed by Council;

<b>Date (2016)</b>	<b>Description</b>
March	Members Budget Workshops/Briefing(s) Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Draft Business Plan and Budget released for public comment.
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Public submissions on draft Business Plan and Budget close.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	First Special (public) Meeting to hear any public submissions and to discuss the draft Business Plan and Budget.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Second Special (public) Meeting to be held to discuss/finalise the draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Council meeting to be held to finalise and endorse draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Last date for finalisation/distribution of first quarterly rate notice and distribution of summary Annual Business Plan.
9 <sup>th</sup> September	First quarterly rate installment final payment date.

**Cr Von Stanke moved the report be received.**

**Cr Lovett seconded Carried**

**2. DRAFT 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW - Ref. AF15/461**

The Director - Corporate Services Reported:

- (a) that following the Special Meeting of Council held 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 to further develop the draft 2016/2017 Budget the following is the proposed current status of the draft 2016/2017 Budget:

	Version 1	Adjustments	Version 2
Required Rates	18,656,000	+ 108,000	18,764,000
Operating Revenue	7,178,000	- 20,000	7,158,000
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>25,826,000</u>	<u>+ 175,000</u>	<u>26,001,000</u>
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	8,000	+ 87,000	<b>(79,000)</b>
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	6,923,000	-	6,923,000
Plus Capital Revenue	439,000	-	439,000
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	680,000	-	680,000
Less Capital Expenditure	6,728,000	-	6,728,000
Budget Cash Surplus / (-Deficit)	<b>(38,000)</b>	<b>(87,000)</b>	<b>(125,000)</b>

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

- (b) a detailed summary of the proposed Budget adjustments are as follows:

Budget Account	Description	Initial Budget	Adj (+/-)	Resultant Budget
<b>RATES RAISED</b>				
4100.0001	General Rates	18,656,000	+108,000	18,764,000
<b>TOURISM GENERAL REVENUE</b>				
4153.0531	Admittance Fees	20,000	<b>-20,000</b>	0
<b>ORGANISATIONAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
6002.0218	Studies/Investigations – Sundry	33,000	<b>+65,000</b>	98,000
<b>CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES EXPENDITURE</b>				
6125.0530	Contribution – Youth Initiatives	4,000	<b>+3,000</b>	7,000
<b>OTHER CULTURAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE</b>				
6240.0733	Christmas Parade/Parade Float	32,000	-10,000	22,000
<b>REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>				
6320.0762	Contribution – Economic Projects	100,000	<b>+187,000</b>	287,000
<b>TOURISM GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
6350.0815	Tourism Development	123,000	<b>+40,000</b>	163,000
<b>PARKS/GARDENS/RESERVES EXPENDITURE</b>				
6500.0968	Crater Lakes Tree Removal	120,000	-100,000	20,000
<b>OTHER RECREATION EXPENDITURE</b>				
6560.1042	Donations – Sporting & Recreation	80,000	-10,000	70,000

Cr Morello moved the report be received.

Cr Von Stanke seconded

Carried

### 3. SUSPENSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES

- The Meeting Procedures were suspended at 6.02 p.m.
- Reason for Suspension: Budget Discussions
- The Meeting Procedures were resumed at 6.36 p.m.

### 4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2016/17 BUDGET - Ref. AF15/461

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) at this stage in development of the draft 2016/2017 Budget Council may wish to confirm by resolution adjustments agreed upon at the previous Budget meeting (part (a) of the recommendation);

- (b) at the March Council meeting the following resolution was recorded:

*'Council refer an amount of \$300,000 to the 2016/2017 Budget in order to construct the Margaret Street Walkway as per the report received at the Council Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016.'*

**Cr Perryman moved:**

- (a) that the adjustments referred to at the Special Meeting of Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, totaling +\$87,000 to Councils Operating result (refer Agenda item 2) be now made to the draft 2016/2017 Budget with the exclusion of Tourism General Expenditure (Budget Acc. No. 6350.0815) for \$40,000.**

**Cr Richardson seconded**

**Carried**

Pursuant to Division 3 - Conflict of Interest, Sections 73 and 74 Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Perryman disclosed an interest in Item 4 (b) (*Member of the Mount Gambier Tourism Group*) and did not:-

- (a) propose or second a motion relating to the matter; or
- (b) take part in discussion by the Committee relating to that matter; or
- (c) while such discussion is taking place, be in, or in the close vicinity of, the room in which or other place at which that matter is being discussed; or
- (d) vote in relation to that matter.

Cr Perryman vacated the meeting at 6.40 p.m.

**Cr Richardson moved:**

- (b) that an adjustment of \$40,000 (refer Agenda item 2) for Tourism General Expenditure (Budget Acc. No. 6350.0815) be now made to the draft 2016/2017 Budget.**

**Cr Lovett seconded**

**Carried**

Cr Perryman resumed the meeting at 6.41 p.m.

**Cr Perryman moved:**

- (c) an amount of \$300,000 (already provided for in the draft Budget) be now formally allocated to the Margaret Street (Rail Lands) Walkway/Facilities project as per the report received at Council on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

**Cr Richardson seconded**

**Carried**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2016/17 BUDGET - Ref. AF15/461**

**Cr Perryman moved that Council include a Capital Expenditure of \$700,000 (funded by loan funds) for the construction of a skatepark/youth space in the Rail Lands precinct.**

**Cr Lovett seconded**

**Carried**

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Cr Perryman vacated the meeting at 6.53 p.m.

**6. FINALISATION OF DRAFT 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - Ref. AF15/461**

**Cr Richardson moved:**

- (a) the draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget be now prepared and finalised for distribution and community feedback in accordance with the Business Plan and Budget Program.

**Cr Meziniec seconded**

**Carried**

Cr Perryman resumed the meeting at 6.55 p.m.

Meeting closed at 6.56 p.m.

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