

**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT
GAMBIER
ON TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Frank Morello, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Sonya Mezinec, Cr Jason Virgo

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive Officer	- Mrs S Philpott
	General Manager City Infrastructure	- Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services	- Mrs J Fetherstonhaugh
	Manager Financial Services	- Mrs J Scoggins
	Revenue Coordinator	- Mrs J Scheidl
	Manager Economy, Strategy and Engagement	- Mrs B Shearing
	Director Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre and Cultural Development	- Ms A Whatling
	Manager Operations and Infrastructure	- Mr K Manarangi
	Manager Waste, ReUse and Environment	- Mr J Martin
	Media and Communications Coordinator	- Ms S McLean
	Executive Administrator	- Mrs A Pasquazzi

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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 FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2024/143

Moved: Cr Kate Amoroso

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

That the apology from Cr Mark Lovett be received.

CARRIED

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil



4 COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 ADOPTION OF 2024/2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET AND RATING POLICIES

RESOLUTION 2024/144

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

1. That Council Report No. AR24/25851 titled 'Adoption of 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Rating policies' as presented on 25 June 2024 be noted.
2. That Council, having considered the public submissions at the Special Council meeting on 18 June 2024 and the feedback provided at the Audit and Risk Committee on 3 June 2024, adopts the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget and Rating Policies as attached to Report No. AR24/25851.
3. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.
4. That Council revoke the R130 Rates General Matters Policy as the contents have been included in the R105 Draft Rating Policy 2024/2025.

CARRIED

Cr Kate Amoroso called a division.

The declaration was set aside.

Voting by division being:

In Favour: Crs Frank Morello, Josh Lynagh, Max Bruins, Paul Jenner, Sonya Mezinec and Jason Virgo

Against: Cr Kate Amoroso

The Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED 6/1

4.2 ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS AND RATES DECLARATION YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

RESOLUTION 2024/145

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council Report No. AR24/34801 titled 'Adoption of Valuations and Rates Declaration year ending 30 June 2025' as presented on 25 June 2024 be noted.
2. That, pursuant to Section 167(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council adopts, for rating purposes for the 2024/2025 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the capital values applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$6,633,882,400 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is 25th June, 2024.



3. 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 2024/2025 financial year will be in accordance with the categories of land use prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.
4. 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 \$24,660,455 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 2024/2025 financial year will be as follows:
 - (a) 0.187051 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of land use category (a) 'Residential', category (g) 'Primary Production' and category (i) 'Other'; and
 - (b) 0.5050380 of a cent per dollar of assessed capital value on rateable land of land use 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.
5. That pursuant to Section 152 (1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares in respect of the 2024/2025 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$634.65
6. That pursuant to Section 155(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council imposes a Waste Service Charge of \$311.00 for the 2024/2025 financial year on all land to which it provides or makes available the prescribed service in order to raise the amount of \$4,456,941.
7. That in exercise of the powers contained in Section 69 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999, in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, being \$1,406,869 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 2024/2025 financial year as follows:
 - 1) \$90.55 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) 'Residential', category (h) 'Vacant Land' and category (i) 'Other';
 - 2) \$136.10 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) 'Commercial-Shop', category (c) 'Commercial-Office' and category (d) 'Commercial-Other';
 - 3) \$217.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) 'Industry-Light' and category (f) 'Industry-Other';
 - 4) \$398.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (g) 'Primary Production'.
8. That pursuant to section 153 (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2024/2025 being met, the Council fixes a maximum increase to the general rate of 15% over the amount of the general rate liability for the 2023/2024 financial year 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.
9. 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 2024/2025 financial year be payable on or before:
 - Friday, 6 September 2024
 - Friday, 6 December 2024



- Friday, 7 March 2025
- Friday, 6 June 2025

CARRIED

Cr Kate Amoroso called a division.

The declaration was set aside.

Voting by division being:

In Favour: Crs Frank Morello, Josh Lynagh, Max Bruins, Paul Jenner, Sonya Meziniec and Jason Virgo

Against: Cr Kate Amoroso

The Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED 6/1

4.3 ADOPTION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (LTFF) 2025-2034

RESOLUTION 2024/146

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

1. That Council Report No. AR24/25865 titled 'Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan (LTFF) 2025-2034' as presented on 25 June 2024 be noted.
2. That Council note the Audit and Risk Committee feedback included in this report, and verbal and written submissions received from members of the public considered at the Special Council meeting held on 18 June 2024.
3. That Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034 as attached to Report No. AR24/25865.
4. Council notes that the Long Term Financial Plan includes a list of significant influences and challenges in setting the Long Term Financial Plan on pages 4 - 8 of the Plan, and exclusions from the Plan on page 9, which includes (but is not limited to) inflationary pressures, waste management, asset management (including depreciation), growth, and capacity creation.
5. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034 document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

CARRIED

Cr Kate Amoroso called a division.

The declaration was set aside.

Voting by division being:

In Favour: Crs Frank Morello, Josh Lynagh, Max Bruins, Paul Jenner, Sonya Meziniec and Jason Virgo

Against: Cr Kate Amoroso

The Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED 6/1



4.4 ADOPTION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS 2025-2034

RESOLUTION 2024/147

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council Report No. AR24/25866 titled 'Adoption of Asset Management Plans 2025-2034' as presented on 25 June 2024 be noted.
2. That Council note the Audit and Risk Committee feedback included in the report, and feedback received from members of the public from the community consultation as previously provided at the Special Council meeting held on 18 June 2024.
3. That Council adopt the below Asset Management Plans 2025-2034 as attached to Report No. AR24/25866.
 - Asset Management Summary 2025-2034
 - Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2025-2034
 - Plant and Equipment Asset Management Plan 2025-2034
 - Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan 2025-2034
4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the draft Asset Management Plans 2025-2034 documents arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

CARRIED

5 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 6:39 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Mount Gambier held on 16 July 2024.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

