# MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT GAMBIER ON THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2019 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Sonya Mezinec, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Ben

Hood, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Steven Perryman

OFFICERS IN Chief Executive Officer - Mr A Meddle
ATTENDANCE: General Manager Community Wellbeing - Ms B Cernovskis

General Manager City Infrastructure - Mr N Serle

Acting General Manager Council Business Services - Mr J Zwijnenburg
Media and Communications Coordinator - Ms S McLean
Management Accountant - Ms K Rolton

Administration Officer - Executive Support - Mrs M Telford

#### 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 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/178**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

That the apology(ies) from Cr Christian Greco be received.

CARRIED

#### 3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

#### 4 COUNCIL REPORTS

The Mayor sought the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting to suspend meeting procedures:

Purpose of the Suspension: Discuss the Solid Waste Levy.

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

Meeting Procedures were suspended at 5.34 p.m.

The Mayor determined that the period of suspension should be brought to an end;

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

The Period of Suspension came to an end and Meeting Procedures resumed at 5.59 p.m.

# 4.1 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATES DECLARATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/179**

Moved: Cr Sonya Mezinec Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

- That Council Report No. AR19/29434 titled 'Annual Business Plan and Budget Adoption and Rates Declaration for the financial year ending 30 June 2020' as presented on 27 June 2019 be noted.
- 2. 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
  - having considered the opportunity for submissions 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 June 2020 the Annual Business Plan and Budget (refer AR19/29250); and
  - (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor alterations and amendments to the text of the Annual Business Plan prior to formal publication.
  - (c) the Chief Executive Officer be instructed to include explicit reference to the impact of the Solid Waste Levy on future rates notices and accompanying literature.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.2 ADOPTION OF CAPITAL VALUATIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/180**

Moved: Cr Ben Hood Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That pursuant to Section 167(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council adopts, for rating purposes for the 2019/2020 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the capital values applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$3,817,237,580 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is 27 June 2019.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.3 DECLARATION OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF LAND USES AND CODES

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/181**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

1. 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 2019/2020 financial year will be in accordance with the categories of land use prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.4 DECLARATION OF RATES

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/182**

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

- 1. 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 \$21,412,000 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 2019/2020 financial year will be as follows:
  - (a) 0.245125 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) 0.661838 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.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.5 DECLARATION OF A FIXED CHARGE

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/183**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

1. That pursuant to Section 152 (1)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares in respect of the 2019/2020 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$682.70.

**CARRIED** 

## 4.6 DECLARATION OF SEPARATE RATE

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/184**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

- 1. 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 \$1,138,800, 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 2019/2020 financial year as follows:
  - 1. \$76.20 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) 'Residential', category (h) 'Vacant Land' and category (i) 'Other';

- \$115.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) 'Commercial-Shop' category (c) 'Commercial-Office' and category (d) 'Commercial-Other';
- \$184.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) 'Industry-Light' and category (f) 'Industry-Other';
- 4. \$337.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (g) 'Primary Production'.

Unless the South East Natural Resources Management Board re-gazetting then 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 \$1,150,426, 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 2019/2020 financial year as follows:

- 1. \$77.10 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) 'Residential', category (h) 'Vacant Land' and category (i) 'Other';
- \$115.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) 'Commercial-Shop' category (c) 'Commercial-Office' and category (d) 'Commercial-Other';
- \$184.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) 'Industry-Light' and category (f) 'Industry-Other';
- 4. \$337.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (g) 'Primary Production'.

CARRIED

#### 4.7 DECLARATION OF RESIDENTIAL RATE CAP

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/185**

Moved: Cr Ben Hood

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That pursuant to section 153 (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and for the financial year ending 30 June 2020 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2019/2020 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.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.8 PAYMENT OF COUNCIL RATES - QUARTERLY BILLING

## **RESOLUTION 2019/186**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. 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 2019/2020 financial year be payable on or before:

- Friday, 13 September 2019
- Friday, 13 December 2019
- Friday, 13 March 2020
- Friday, 12 June 2020.

**CARRIED** 

5	MOTION	WITHOL	JT NOTICE
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Nil

# **6 MEETING CLOSE**

The Meeting closed at 6.11 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Mount Gambier held on 16 July 2019.

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PRESIDING MEMBER