# MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT GAMBIER ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cr Christian Greco (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sonya Mezinec, Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr

Max Bruins, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Frank Morello

OFFICERS IN General Manager City Infrastructure

**ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

General Manager City and Community Growth

Manager Governance and Property

Manager Financial Services

Media and Communications Coordinator

Senior Revenue Officer Executive Administrator

Ms B CernovskisMr D Barber

- Mr T Coote

- Mr M McCarthy

- Mrs J Scoggins (virtual)

Mr J McDonaldMrs J ScheidlMrs 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 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/79**

Moved: Cr Kate Amoroso Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

That the apology from Mayor Lynette Martin be received.

**CARRIED** 

## 3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

#### 4 COUNCIL REPORTS

# 4.1 ADOPTION OF 2022/2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET AND RATING POLICIES

# **RESOLUTION 2022/80**

Moved: Cr Frank Morello Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council Report No. AR22/40453 titled 'Adoption of 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Rating policies' as presented on 28 June 2022 be noted.

- 2. That Council, having considered the public submissions at the Special Council meeting on 14 June 2022 and the feedback provided at the Special Audit and Risk Committee on 6 June 2022, adopts the 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget and Rating Policies as attached to Report No. AR22/40453.
- 3. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the 2022/2023 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.

**CARRIED** 

Cr Paul Jenner called a division.

The declaration was set aside. Voting by division being:

<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Sonya Mezinec, Max Bruins and Frank Morello

Against: Crs Kate Amoroso and Paul Jenner

The Deputy Mayor declared the motion

**CARRIED 3/2** 

# 4.2 ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS AND RATES DECLARATION YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/81**

Moved: Cr Sonya Mezinec Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/35210 titled 'Adoption of Valuations and Rates Declaration year ending 30 June 2023' as presented on 28 June 2022 be noted.
- 2. That, pursuant to Section 167(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council adopts, for rating purposes for the 2022/2023 financial year, the Valuer General's most recent valuations of the capital values applicable to land within the area of the Council, totalling \$4,826,351,100 and that the date of adoption of the valuations is 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- 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 2022/2023 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 \$20,873,500 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 2022/2023 financial year will be as follows:
  - (a) 0.222490 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) 0.600723 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 2022/2023 financial year a fixed charge on rateable land within the Council area in the sum of \$532.60.
- 6. That pursuant to Section 155(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council imposes a Waste Service Charge of \$206.85 for the 2022/2023 financial year on all land to which it provides or makes available the prescribed service in order to raise the amount of \$2,916,585.
- 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 \$1,240,568, 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 2022/2023 financial year as follows:
  - 1) \$81.20 per assessment on rateable land of category (a) 'Residential', category (h) 'Vacant Land' and category (i) 'Other';
  - 2) \$122.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (b) 'Commercial-Shop', category (c) 'Commercial-Office' and category (d) 'Commercial-Other';
  - 3) \$195.00 per assessment on rateable land of category (e) 'Industry-Light' and category (f) 'Industry-Other';
  - 4) \$355.00 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 2023 but subject to the criteria set out in the Annual Business Plan 2022/2023 being met, the Council fixes a maximum increase to the general rate of 15% over the amount of the general rate liability for the 2021/2022 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 2022/2023 financial year be payable on or before:
  - Friday, 9 September 2022
  - Friday, 9 December 2022
  - Friday, 10 March 2023
  - Friday, 9 June 2023

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.3 ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2022/23

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/82**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/21396 titled 'Adoption of Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23' as presented on 28 June 2022 be noted.
- 2. That Council adopts the 2022/23 Schedule of Fees and Charges as attached.
- 3. That Council notes only prescribed fees can be waived, refunded or reduced by duly authorised (sub)delegates.
- 4. That Council notes that the statutory fees and charges set by the State Government will be included in the fees and charges schedule made available for public inspection in July 2022 after gazettal by the State Government.
- That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23 arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation that do not materially alter the integrity of the document.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.4 ADOPTION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (LTFP) 2023-2032

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/83**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/40455 titled 'Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2023-2032' as presented on 28 June 2022 be noted.
- 2. That Council notes the individual public submission on the draft Long Term Financial Plan as provided in Attachment 2 and the Audit and Risk Committee feedback as included in the report.
- 3. That Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032 as attached to Report No. AR22/40455.
- 4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the Long Term Financial Plan 2023-32 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** 

#### **MOTION**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/84**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

That Cr Paul Jenner's question and answer be recorded in the minutes.

**CARRIED** 

#### Question:

Further to the Draft Annual Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan consultation feedback from the Special Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 6 June (referenced in this agenda), can Council be advised of the mechanisms that will be used to monitor and bring back to Council the forecast impact of changes in the indexation and interest rates in the during the next financial year.

#### Answer:

Officers will work across Council to develop quarterly forecasts for 2022/23 that will be brought back to Council as part of the Budget Review processes and as part of the development of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and 2024-2033 Long Term Financial Plan as follows:

- Budget Review 1 to be brought to Council in December;
- Budget Review 2 to be brought to Council in February;
- Budget/LTFP Workshops to be held with Elected Members to develop the draft budget and LTFP between February and April (to be confirmed upon agreement of process milestones).

#### 4.5 ADOPTION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS (AMPS) 2023-2032

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/85**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/40579 titled 'Adoption of Asset Management Plans (AMPs) 2023-2032' as presented on 28 June 2022 be noted.
- 2. That Council notes no public submissions were received on the Draft Asset Management Plans 2023-2032.
- 3. That Council adopt the Asset Management Plans 2023-2032 as attached to Report No. AR22/40579.
- 4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to make any necessary changes to the Asset Management Plans 2023-2032 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** 

## **APOLOGY**

# **RESOLUTION 2022/86**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

That Cr Ben Hood be recorded as an apology.

**CARRIED** 

## **5** MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 6:08 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Mount Gambier held on 19 July 2022.

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PRESIDING MEMBER