



Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

28 July 2011

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Shire of Wagin

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council in the Council Chambers on Thursday 28 July 2011.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President Cr Blight declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

2. ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Present:
Cr P J Blight
Cr G R Ball
Cr D K Morgan
Cr J L C Ballantyne
Cr I C Cumming
Cr E N Pugh
Cr J P Reed
Cr J G Shaw
Cr G T Hegarty
Cr G K B West

Staff:

Mr L J Calneggia	Chief Executive Officer
Mr B A Roderick	Manager of Finance and Corporate Services
Ms C A Webster	Manager of Community and Regulatory Services
Mr A D Hicks	Manager of Works
Mr D O Irekpolo	Finance Officer

Apologies: Cr K M Draper

3. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. DISCLOSURES FO FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS

Nil

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER INTERESTS**1690 Council Decision**

Moved: Cr. J P Reed

Seconded: Cr. J G Shaw

That Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the 2011/2012 Draft Budget
Carried 10/0

1691 Council Decision

Moved: Cr. E N Pugh

Seconded: Cr. J G Shaw

That Standing Orders be reinstated to formally endorse the 2011/2012 Draft Budget
Carried 10/0

7.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2011/2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Manager of Finance and Corporate Services

Summary

A draft budget for 2011 / 2012 is presented to Council for review and discussion.

Background

Council in recent years have received a draft budget for discussion in late July and have given staff direction to complete a budget for formal adoption in August so Council rates can be sent out.

Comment

The draft budget has been prepared and presented to Council with a deficit of \$363,256. Council will need to cut expenditure and or increase income through rates or Reserves funds to balance the budget.

Staff will go through the draft budget in detail and will make recommendations where expenditure can be cut. Council will also need to decide upon a final rate percentage increase for both GRV and UV rates.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, s6.2 – Council must adopt a Budget in the form and manner prescribed by 31st August 2011.

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A plan for Council's operations and capitals works for the 2011 / 2012 year.

Strategic Implications

The draft budget has been prepared with reference to Council's Strategic Plan.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

1692 Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision

Moved: Cr. E N Pugh

Seconded: Cr. J G Shaw

That Council;

1. Endorse the 2011/2012 draft budget with the agreed amendments to a balanced budget.
2. Incorporate a 5% rate increase for GRV properties and 8% increase for UV properties..

Carried 10/0

The Chief Executive Office thanked the Manager of Finance and Corporate Services for his efforts in the preparation and presentation of the Draft Budget.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS

Nil

9. ELECTED MEMBERS/MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10. URGENT BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

- a) Elected Members
Nil
- b) Officer's
Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS AS PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT s5.23(2)

Nil

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.

Dated _____