

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton on 30 July 2014

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1.0 OPENING

The Deputy President thanked all Councillors and staff present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

1.1 PRESENT

Cr C Simkin	Deputy President	Northampton Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr P Gliddon		Kalbarri Ward
Cr M Holt		Kalbarri Ward
Cr M Scott		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Grant Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager Works & Technical Services	
Mr Glenn Bangay	Principal EHO/Building Surveyor	
Mrs Hayley Williams	Principal Planner	

2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Wilson, Cr Stock-Standen, Cr Stanich, Cr Pike

3.0 QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.0 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLANS & ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Noted

5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2014/2015 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.01pm and reconvened at 3.08pm with the following in attendance:

Cr Simkin, Cr Carson, Cr Gliddon, Cr Scott, Cr Holt, Chief Executive Officer Garry Keeffe, Deputy CEO Grant Middleton, Manager Works & Technical Services Neil Broadhurst and Principal EHO/Building Surveyor Glenn Bangay, Mrs Hayley Williams Principal Planner

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5.3 SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND MINIMUMS

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr HOLT

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2014/2015 be adopted as a balanced budget and the following charges be levied:

General Rates

The rate in the dollar for all rateable Gross Rental Value properties be set at \$0.070383 and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.010278.

Minimum Rates

That the minimum rate on rateable Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value properties be set at \$475.00 per assessment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.4 SPECIFIED AREA RATES – SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND STATING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIFIED RATE

5.4.1 PORT GREGORY SPECIFIED AREA RATE

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SCOTT

That the specified area rate in the dollar, for all rateable Port Gregory Gross Rental Value properties within the Port Gregory Townsite be set at \$0.022692 to raise approximately \$11,550 to fund the operating cost of maintaining the Port Gregory Water Supply.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.4.2 KALBARRI TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SCOTT

That the specified area rate in the dollar, for all rateable Kalbarri Gross Rental Value properties zoned Residential, Residential Development, Places of Public Assembly, Special Site, Special Rural, Commercial, Tourist Accommodation, Service Industry, Light Industry, Composite Light Industry, within the Kalbarri Town Planning Scheme No. 9 be set at \$0.001816, to raise approximately \$30,000, being for Tourism Infrastructure related projects and Tourism Promotional Advertising within the Kalbarri Ward.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

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5.5	REFUSE FEES
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr HOLT

That Council set the refuse charges for 2014/2015 as follows:

Kalbarri Domestic Collection	\$330
Kalbarri Business Collection (Double)	\$660
Northampton & Other Domestic Collection	\$330
Northampton & Other Business Collection (Double)	\$660

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.6	DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RATES, INCLUDING INSTALMENT OPTION
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That the due date for the payment of rates be 6th October 2014 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 8th December 2014, 2nd February 2015 and 7th April 2015

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.7	DISCOUNT APPLICABLE TO GENERAL RATES AND DATE BY WHICH PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO CLAIM DISCOUNT
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That a discount of 5% be allowed on general rates, applicable to all rate assessments that are paid by 4:30pm on 6th October 2014.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.8	ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR INSTALMENT OPTION
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That an administration fee of \$5.00 per rate instalment payment be charged.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

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5.9 SETTING OF INSTALMENT INTEREST CHARGE APPLICABLE TO
 INSTALMENT OPTION

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That an instalment interest rate of 5% per annum be charged on all rate assessments that are paid by instalments.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.10 SETTING OF PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE IF DEFAULT IS MADE ON
 INSTALMENT OPTION

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That a penalty interest rate of 10% per annum be applicable to the outstanding rates amount if a ratepayer defaults on the payment of a rates instalment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5.11 SETTING OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE TO ALL
 OVERDUE RATES

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That a late payment penalty of 10% per annum be charged on all rates outstanding after 6th October 2014, where no instalment option was taken.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

6.0 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2013/2014 DRAFT BUDGETS

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr CARSON

That the Trust Budget and Reserve Fund Budget for 2014/2015 be adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

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7.0 TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr SCOTT

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to call tenders, as per the requirements and provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, for the provision of goods and services as approved within the 2014/2015 Budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

8.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2014/2015 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

9.0 FEES AND CHARGES

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr HOLT

That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2014/2015 financial year as presented.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

10.0 RESERVE FUND CREATION

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council approve the creation of the "Kalbarri Tennis , Netball & Basketball Courts Reserve" for the development of Tennis, Netball and Basketball facilities in Kalbarri.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

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11.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nil

12.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Deputy President thanked staff for their effort in preparing the budget and the Councillors for their participation and consideration of the budget and declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.