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Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton
Road, Northampton on 28 July 2017

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1.0 OPENING

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

1.1 PRESENT

Cr C Simkin	President	Northampton Ward
Cr M Scott	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr R Suckling		Northampton Ward
Cr D Pike		Kalbarri Ward
Cr S Krakour		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Grant Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager Works & Technical Services	

2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Stock-Sanden, Cr D Stanich

3.0 QUESTION TIME

No questions were raised by members of the public during question time.

4.0 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 LIONS PARK KALBARRI TABLE AND BENCH SEATING (ITEM 3.1.7)

Moved Cr Scott, seconded Cr Pike

That the costs to repair the tables and bench seating not be included in the 2017/2018 Budget and the Kalbarri Men's shed be approached to undertake the refurbishment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

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4.2 COUNCIL MEMBER SITTING FEES (ITEM 3.1.9)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr KRAKOUR

That Councillors sitting fee be increased from \$160.00 to \$180.00 per meeting in the 2017/2018 budget. The Committee Meeting Fee and Prescribed Meeting fee to remain as per the 2016/2017 level.

Council Meetings - Member	\$180
Council Meetings – President	\$360
Committee Meetings	\$75
Prescribed Meetings	\$50

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

4.3 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE (ITEM 3.1.9)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr SCOTT

That the President's annual allowance for 2017/2018 be increased to \$12,000, with the Deputy President's annual allowance for 2017/2018 remain at \$2,500.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

Cr Suckling declared an interest in item 3.1.10 and left the meeting at 1.13pm

4.4 RAV 4 NETWORKS CHANGE OF SCOPE OF WORKS (ITEM 3.1.10)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr KRAKOUR

That Council approve the change in the scope of RAV 4 works for Gill Road and Sandy Gully Road.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Suckling returned to the meeting at 1.15pm

5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2017/2018 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council reviewed the new items list to ensure that the draft budget for 2017/2018 was adopted as a balanced budget.

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5.1 SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND MINIMUMS (ITEM 4)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2017/2018 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 \$0.080220 (8.0220¢) and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.012717 (1.2717¢) to achieve a 3% increase in rates revenue.

Minimum Rates

That the minimum rate on rateable Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value properties be set at \$535.00 per assessment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.2 SPECIFIED AREA RATES – SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND STATING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIFIED RATE (ITEM 5)

5.2.1 PORT GREGORY SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 5.1)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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 \$0.018334 (1.8334¢) to raise approximately \$9,481 to fund the operating cost of maintaining the Port Gregory Water Supply.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.2.2 KALBARRI TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 2.4.2)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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 \$0.001764 (0.1764¢), to raise approximately \$30,000 being for Tourism Infrastructure related projects and Tourism Promotional Advertising within the Kalbarri Ward.

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5.3 REFUSE FEES (ITEM 6)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

1. That the refuse fee for residential refuse collection be set at \$330.00 and the fee for business refuse collection be set at \$660.00.
2. That the refuse fee for Half Way Bay Cottages be set at \$263.64 per cottage plus GST.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.4 DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RATES, INCLUDING INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 7)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

That the due date for the payment of rates be 2nd October 2017 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 4th December 2017, 5th February 2018 and 3rd April 2018.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.5 DISCOUNT APPLICABLE TO GENERAL RATES AND DATE BY WHICH PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO CLAIM DISCOUNT (ITEM 8)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

That a discount of 5% be allowed on general rates, applicable to all rate assessments that are paid by 4:30pm on 2nd October 2017.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.6 ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 9)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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

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5.7 SETTING OF INSTALMENT INTEREST CHARGE APPLICABLE TO INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 10)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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 6/0

5.8 SETTING OF PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE IF DEFAULT IS MADE ON INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 11)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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 6/0

5.9 SETTING OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE TO ALL OVERDUE RATES (ITEM 12)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

That a late payment penalty of 10% per annum be charged on all rates outstanding after 2nd October 2017, where no instalment option was taken.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

6.0 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST, RESERVE AND LOAN FUND 2017/2018 DRAFT BUDGETS (ITEM 13)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

The Trust, Reserve and Loan Fund Budgets for 2017/2018 are adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

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7.0 TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES (ITEM 14)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

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 2017/2018 Budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

8.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE (ITEM 15)

Moved Cr Suckling, seconded Cr Carson

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nil

10.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the 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 2.46pm.