

**SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON**  
**Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton on 27 July 2018**

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**1.0 OPENING**

The President thanked all Councillors and staff present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 9.07am.

**1.1 PRESENT**

Cr C Simkin	President	Northampton Ward
Cr S Krakouer	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr T Hay		Northampton Ward
Cr R Suckling		Northampton Ward
Cr D Pike		Kalbarri Ward
Cr S Smith		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 Building Surveyor	

**2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**2.2 APOLOGIES**

Cr Stewart

**3.0 QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present during question time.

**4.0 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil

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**5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2018/2019 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Council reviewed the new items list to ensure that the draft budget for 2018/2019 was adopted as a balanced budget.

**5.1 SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND MINIMUMS (ITEM 5)**

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr CARSON

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2018/2019 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 \$0.07723 (7.7230¢) and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.013059 (1.3059¢) 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 \$550.00 per assessment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**5.2 SPECIFIED AREA RATES – SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND STATING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIFIED RATE (ITEM 6)**

**5.2.1 PORT GREGORY SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 6.1)**

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 \$0.018768 (1.8768¢) to raise approximately \$10,500 to fund the operating cost of maintaining the Port Gregory Water Supply.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**5.2.2 KALBARRI TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 6.2)**

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 \$0.001746 (0.1746¢), 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 7)**

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 7/0

**5.4 DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RATES, INCLUDING INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 8)**

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr CARSON

That the due date for the payment of rates be 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**5.5 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.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**5.6 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.

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**5.7 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 7/0

**5.8 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, where no instalment option was taken.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**6.0 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST, RESERVE AND LOAN FUND 2018/2019 DRAFT BUDGETS (ITEM 13)**

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr CARSON

The Trust, Reserve and Loan Fund Budgets for 2018/2019 are adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

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

Moved Cr KRAKOUER, seconded Cr HAY

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 2018/2019 Budget.

CARRIED 7/0

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8.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE (ITEM 15)
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Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr KRAKOUER

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2018/2019 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

9.0 CLOSURE
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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 9.58am.