

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton
Road, Northampton on 29 July 2020

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1.0 OPENING

The President thanked all Councillors and staff present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 2.00pm.

In opening the meeting the President thanked staff for their effort in preparing the budget as presented.

1.1 PRESENT

Cr C Simkin	President	Northampton Ward
Cr S Krakouer	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr L Sudlow		Northampton Ward
Cr T Hay		Northampton Ward
Cr R Suckling		Northampton Ward
Cr D Pike		Kalbarri Ward
Cr S Smith		Kalbarri Ward
Cr P Stewart		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Grant Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Glenn Bangay	Principal Building Surveyor	

2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Stock-Standen

3.0 QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present therefore no questions were put to Council.

4.0 SPECIFIC ITEMS

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4.1 SETTING OF INTEREST CHARGES (ITEM 3.1)

Moved Cr HAY, seconded Cr KRAKOUER

That Council:

1. IMPOSES, by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.51(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 14 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, an interest rate of 8% applicable to overdue and unpaid rate and service charges, subject to this interest rate cannot be applied to an excluded person, as defined in the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, that has been determined by the Shire of Northampton as suffering financial hardship as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. IMPOSES, in accordance with section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and clause 13 of the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, gazetted on 8 May 2020, an additional charge of \$5.00 and interest rate of 5% applicable to rate and service charge instalment arrangements, subject to this additional charge and interest rate cannot be applied to an excluded person, as defined in the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Ministerial Order 2020, that has been determined as suffering financial hardship as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with Council Policy 2.11 Financial Hardship Policy.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

4.2 REDUCTION IN LEASE FEES (ITEM 3.2)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr HAY

That Council does not reduce property lease fees for 2020/2021.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

4.3 KALBARRI AERODROME – AIR SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (ITEM 3.3)

Moved Cr STEWART, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council include \$15,000 in the 2020/2021 Budget for the development of a business Plan in an effort to recommence Regular Passenger Transport services to the Kalbarri aerodrome.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

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4.4 GRASS REMOVAL – DUAL USE PATHWAYS & STREET SIDE (ITEM 3.10)

Moved Cr HAY, seconded Cr KRAKOUER

That Council remove the allocation totalling \$36,210 for grass edge removal along DUP's at Horrocks and Kalbarri from the 2020/2021 Budget

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

4.11 CONTAMINATED SOIL CELL TESTING (ITEM 1.1)

Moved Cr SMITH, seconded Cr STEWART

That Council undertake testing of the contaminated soil cell at the Northampton Refuse Site and that a provision of \$22,000 be included within the 2020/2021 Budget:

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

4.12 PURCHASE OF LOT 21 BROOK STREET, NORTHAMPTON (ITEM 1.2)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council purchase Lot 21 Brook street for street drainage requirements and the CEO be authorised to negotiate a price for this land purchase and a provision of \$20,000 be included within the 2020/2021 Budget.:

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2020/2021 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council reviewed the new items list to ensure that the draft budget for 2020/2021 was adopted as a balanced budget.

From new items the following were removed from the budget:

Dump Point Installation & Access Road Horrocks	\$15,000
Repairs to Stone Fence St Mary's Northampton	\$ 8,000
Allen Centre rear patio roof replacement	\$20,000
Castaway Street reseal	\$18,000

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

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2020/2021 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 \$0.079956 (7.9956¢) and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.011983 (1.1983¢) to achieve a 0% increase in rates revenue.

Minimum Rates

That the minimum rate on rateable Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value properties be set at \$565.00 per assessment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

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 SUDLOW

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 \$0.036904 to raise approximately \$21,000 to fund the operating cost of maintaining the Port Gregory Water Supply.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

5.2.2 KALBARRI TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 5.2)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

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 \$0.001721 (0.1721¢), 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 DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RATES, INCLUDING INSTALMENT OPTION

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That the due date for the payment of rates be 2nd October 2020 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 4th December 2020, 5th February 2021 and 6th April 2021.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

6.0 REFUSE FEES (ITEM 6)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

1. That the refuse fee for residential refuse collection be set at \$335.00 and the fee for business refuse collection be set at \$670.00.
2. That the refuse fee for Half Way Bay Cottages be set at \$263.64 per cottage plus GST.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

7.0 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2020/2021 DRAFT BUDGETS (ITEM 7)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

The Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2020/2021 be adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

8.0 TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES (ITEM 8)

Moved Cr SMITH, seconded Cr KRAKOUER

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 2020/2021 Budget.

CARRIED 8/0

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9.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE (ITEM 9)

Moved Cr SUDLOW, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

CARRIED 8/0

10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked Councillors for their determination of the budget and declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 6 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD ON FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST 2020

PRESIDING MEMBER: _____

DATE: _____