

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton on 27 July 2016

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1.0 OPENING

The President thanked all Councillors and staff present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

1.1 PRESENT

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| Cr C Simkin | President | Northampton Ward |
| Cr M Scott | Deputy President | Kalbarri Ward |
| Cr T Carson | | Northampton Ward |
| Cr D Stanich | | 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 | |
| Mr Glenn Bangay | Principal EHO/Building Surveyor | |
| Mrs Leanne Rowe | Senior Finance Officer | |

2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Holt, Cr Stock-Sanden

3.0 QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present during question time.

4.0 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2016/2017 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council reviewed the new items list to ensure that the draft budget for 2016/2017 was adopted as a balanced budget.

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5.1 RESEAL WORKS GALLANT CLOSE, KALBARRI

Cr Scott declared an interest in the Gallant close reseal works as he resides in the street and left the meeting at 10.30am.

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That the reseal works listed for Gallant close in Kalbarri be deleted from the draft 2016/2017 Budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 10.32am.

5.2 SALLY'S TREE TOILET BLOCK UPGRADE

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STANICH

That \$40,000 listed in the draft 2016/2017 budget for the Sally's Tree toilet block upgrade be allocated to reserve funds for future public amenity upgrades.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/2

Cr Simkin and Cr Pike voted against the motion.

5.3 INCREASE FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE AT BINNU REFUSE SITE (ITEM 3.1.4)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council:

1. Will not initiate refuse site access passes for 2016/17 as per Council decision 18 March 2016 Council, minute 3.7.2.
2. Provide two weekends per annum for the disposal of residential refuse at the two manned refuse sites for no fee, these weekends to be the weekends preceding the Easter and/or April school holidays, whichever comes first, and the weekend preceding the September school holidays.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

ADJOURNMENT MORNING TEA

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:40am.

Meeting reconvened at 10.50pm with the following in attendance:

Cr Simkin, Cr Scott, Cr Carson, Cr Stanich, Cr Suckling, Cr Pike, Cr Krakouer, Garry Keefe, Grant Middleton, Neil Broadhurst, Glenn Bangay and Leanne Rowe.

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

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr CARSON

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2016/2017 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 \$0.077755 (7.7755¢) and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.012375 (1.2375¢).

Minimum Rates

That the minimum rate on rateable Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value properties be set at \$520.00 per assessment.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

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

5.5.1 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 \$0.023084 (2.3084¢) to raise approximately \$11,925 to fund the operating cost of maintaining the Port Gregory Water Supply.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.5.2 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 \$0.001866 (0.1866¢), to raise approximately \$31,500 being for Tourism Infrastructure related projects and Tourism Promotional Advertising within the Kalbarri Ward.

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5.6 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 7/0

5.7 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 3rd October 2016 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 5th December 2016, 6th February 2017 and 3rd April 2017.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.8 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 3rd October 2016.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.9 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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**5.10 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 7/0

**5.11 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

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

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STANICH

That a late payment penalty of 10% per annum be charged on all rates outstanding after 2nd October 2015, where no instalment option was taken.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

**6.0 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST, RESERVE AND LOAN FUND 2016/2017 DRAFT
BUDGETS (ITEM 13)**

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STANICH

The Trust, Reserve and Loan Fund Budgets for 2016/2017 are adopted.

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

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STANICH

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 2016/2017 Budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

8.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE (ITEM 15)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STANICH

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2016/2017 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

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 11.47am.