

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
Minutes of Special Budget Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton on 26 July 2019

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1.0 OPENING

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

1.1 PRESENT

Cr C Simkin	President	Northampton 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
Cr P Stewart		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 S Stock-Standen, Cr S Krakouer

3.0 QUESTION TIME

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

4.0 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.0 NORTHAMPTON CHILD CARE CENTRE DEBT

CEO advised Council that since providing the draft budget the final outcome of the financial situation of the Northampton Child Care Centre has been finalised where the Centre had an overall operational loss of \$34,390. With the utilising the balance of the Centre's trust funds of \$22,235 the actual cash deficit owed to the Council is \$12,155.

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The deficit was the result of a combination of sustainability grant funding through the state government no longer being available and reduced number of children registered at the Centre. The Centre is currently waiting on the outcome of an operational grant to determine if the Centre will continue to operate or close down. The outcome of this new operational grant will be known within the next few days.

CEO advised that as the \$12,155 deficit is part of the brought forward cash balance and should Council wish for the deficit to be repaid then that provision will need to be made within the 2019/20 Budget. CEO advised that the Centre has no funding available to repay the debt and requested Council to determine if the debt is to be pursued.

Moved Cr PIKE, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Council not seek reimbursement for the Northampton Child Care Association for funds owing at 30 June 2019 totalling \$12,155 and that Council express its concern to the state government in the ceasing of the sustainability funding to rural child care facilities.

CARRIED 7/0

5.0 DISCUSSION OF 2019/2020 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council reviewed the new items list to ensure that the draft budget for 2019/2020 was adopted as a balanced budget.

5.1 SETTING OF RATE IN THE DOLLAR AND MINIMUMS (ITEM 4)
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Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

That the Draft Municipal Fund Budget for 2019/2020 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 \$0.079912 (7.9912¢) and the rate in the dollar for all rateable Unimproved Value properties be set at \$0.012610 (1.2610¢) to achieve a 2.5% 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 7/0

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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 CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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 \$0.019819 (1.9819¢) to raise approximately \$11,260 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 5.2)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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 \$0.001733 (0.1733¢), to raise approximately \$30,000 being for Tourism Infrastructure related projects and Tourism Promotional Advertising within the Kalbarri Ward.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.3 REFUSE FEES (ITEM 6)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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 7/0

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

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

That the due date for the payment of rates be 4th October 2019 and the remaining due dates for rate instalment payments be 6th December 2019, 7th February 2020 and 3rd April 2020.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.5 ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 8)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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 9)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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

5.7 SETTING OF PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE IF DEFAULT IS MADE ON INSTALMENT OPTION (ITEM 10)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

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.

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5.8 SETTING OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST APPLICABLE TO ALL OVERDUE RATES (ITEM 11)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

That a late payment penalty of 10% per annum be charged on all rates outstanding after 4th October 2019, where no instalment option was taken.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

5.9 CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2019/2020 DRAFT BUDGETS (ITEM 12)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STEWART

The Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2019/2020 are adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

6.0 TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES (ITEM 13)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr STEWART

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 2019/2020 Budget.

CARRIED 7/0

7.0 MATERIAL VARIANCE (ITEM 15)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr STEWART

That the Budget Variance parameters for the 2019/2020 financial year be set at \$5,000 as per FM Reg 34 (5).

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8.0 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 1.48pm.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 6 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD ON FRIDAY 16 TH AUGUST 2019

PRESIDING MEMBER: _____

DATE: _____
