



Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

***10 July
2023***

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1. DECLARATIO OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 9am

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

3. ATTENDANCE

Presiding Member	Cr W Della Bosca	President
Members	Cr B Close Cr J Cobden Cr G Guerini Cr P Nolan Cr L Rose Cr L Granich	Deputy President
Council Officers	N Warren C Watson G Brigg F Mudau K Chrisp	Chief Executive Officer Executive Manager Corporate Services Executive Manager Infrastructure Finance Manager Technical & Works Coordinator
Apologies:	Nil	
Observers:	Nil	
Leave of Absence:	Nil	

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6 Reporting Officer – Executive Manager Corporate Services

6.1 2023/24 Draft Budget Considerations

File Reference	8.2.5.4
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Cameron Watson-Executive Manager Corporate Services
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of Report

This report presents the draft 2023/24 Annual Budget for Council’s consideration, deliberation and endorsement. Following the endorsement of the draft Budget, the final 2023/24 Annual Budget papers will be formulated and presented to Council in the statutory format for final adoption.

Background

Nil

Comment

In preparing the Budget worksheets, external and internal influences have been considered as well as a review of the Shire’s operations and services to be provided. Economic efficiencies, where identified and were practicable, have been allowed for.

Please note that the surplus/deficit as indicated is an estimate only at this time.

Working papers have been distributed to Councillors and staff before the meeting.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

6.2. Local government to prepare annual budget

- (1) During the period from 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt*, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the 30 June next following that 31 August.

* Absolute majority required.

- (2) In the preparation of the annual budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56 and to prepare a detailed estimate for the current year of —
 - (a) the expenditure by the local government; and

- (b) the revenue and income, independent of general rates, of the local government; and
 - (c) the amount required to make up the deficiency, if any, shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.
- (3) For the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (b) all expenditure, revenue and income of the local government is to be taken into account unless otherwise prescribed.
- (4) The annual budget is to incorporate —
- (a) particulars of the estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred by the local government; and
 - (b) detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply to land within the district including —
 - (i) the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate; and
 - (ii) the rate of interest (if any) to be charged by the local government on unpaid rates and service charges;
- and
- (c) the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government; and
 - (d) the particulars of borrowings and other financial accommodation proposed to be entered into by the local government; and
 - (e) details of the amounts to be set aside in, or used from, reserve accounts and of the purpose for which they are to be set aside or used; and
 - (f) particulars of proposed land transactions and trading undertakings (as those terms are defined in and for the purpose of section 3.59) of the local government; and
 - (g) such other matters as are prescribed.
- (5) Regulations may provide for —
- (a) the form of the annual budget; and
 - (b) the contents of the annual budget; and
 - (c) the information to be contained in or to accompany the annual budget.

[Section 6.2 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 42(8) and 56.]

Strategic Implications

The 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget has considered the needs detailed in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan (SCP), the Corporate Business Plan (CBP), and the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) when determining items for inclusion in the proposed budget.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

SM93/2023

Moved Cr Close/Seconded Cr Granich

That Council receives the 2023/24 Draft Budget and reviews the document in preparation of adoption at a subsequent meeting of Council.

CARRIED (6/1)

*Cr Nolan is recorded as voting against the recommendation.

Cr Nolan's reason being due to his opinion of no fairness and equity being shown.

Cr Cobden left the meeting at 11.32am

Nic Warren left the meeting at 11.32am

Nic Warren rejoined the meeting at 11.33am

7 CLOSURE

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 12.32pm

I, Wayne Della Bosca, confirm the above Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, 10 July 2023, are confirmed on Thursday, 20 July 2023 as a true and correct record of the July 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Cr Wayne Della Bosca
SHIRE PRESIDENT