

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
MONDAY 29 JULY 2019

PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:07am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Pattel and Cr Kennedy

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett,
Director of Works – Bart Servaas

APOLOGIES

Cr Fox
Manager of Community Services – Angela Henry

OPERATIONAL PLAN

ITEM 1.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018-2019

Attendance

Colin Duffy - Manager of Finance and Administration entered the room at 8:13am

RESOLUTION 20190729.1

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council receive the final quarterly Operational Plan 2018-2019 be adopted as tabled.

Attendance

Peter Bennett left the room at 9:00am
Peter Bennett re-entered the room at 9:01am

ITEM 1.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-2020

Cr Wharton declared a conflict of interest regarding staff housing and left the meeting.

Attendance

Cr Wharton left the room at 9:10am

The CEO advised Council that there is a lack of staff housing to meet current demand since there is no private rental market in Richmond presently. CEO presented Council with four houses presently for sale within Richmond and Council decided to pursue three of the houses.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 9:25am
Cr Kennedy re-entered the room at 9:25am
Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 9:26am

Council decided to add a small entry gate and a colorbond fence between the Catholic Church and the entertainment area at the Caravan Park.



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Cr Kuhl advised that a plan was needed in the near future for power and kitchenette in the corner of the entertainment area.

Cr Bawden advised that power was still not connected at the refuse tip and requested action on the matter.

Cr Wharton decided that we would look for more quotes and wait for plans regarding the playground equipment at the afterhours school care centre.

Cr Wharton advised that there is a new water line from where Incitec Pivot was operating that can be extended down to the cemetery. This will allow treated water to be used at the cemetery rather than the water from the industrial estate that is currently staining the headstones.

Councillors spoke about the playground at the lake and decided they would leave any action until after Workplace Health and Safety report came out.

RESOLUTION 20190729.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 10:05am.

RESOLUTION 20190729.4

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that the meeting resume for morning tea at 10:38am.

Council decided to make sure the footpath outside of the butchers was included in the money allocated to town streets. Works to be planned around a convenient time of year for the butcher to minimise impact on their business.

Cr Kennedy requested a hot water system for the Saleyards ablutions block to be added to the budget.

Attendance

Cr Wharton left the room at 10:40am

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 10:42am

RESOLUTION 20190729.5

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that the Operational Plan 2019-20 be adopted and to place the Operational Plan 2019-20 on public exhibition for a period of 30 days in accordance with Section 508 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

RATES AND CHARGES

ITEM 2.0 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

RESOLUTION 20190729.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that the Council adopt a 2% increase on the differential general rates.



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ITEM 2.1 SPECIAL RATES

RESOLUTION 20190729.7

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the special rates.

ITEM 2.2 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES

RESOLUTION 20190729.8

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt a 2% increase on the Sewerage Utility Charges.

ITEM 2.3 WATER UTILITY CHARGES

RESOLUTION 20190729.9

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt a 2% increase on the Water Utility Charges.

ITEM 2.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES

RESOLUTION 20190729.10

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt a 2% increase on the Waste Management Utility Charges.

ITEM 2.5 DISCOUNT

RESOLUTION 20190729.11

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council not offer a discount on rates.

ITEM 2.6 INTEREST CHARGES

RESOLUTION 20190729.12

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt a the interest rate of 8% plus the allowed prescribed rate.

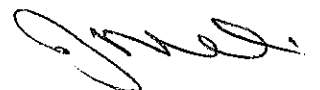
ITEM 2.7 LEVY AND PAYMENT

RESOLUTION 20190729.13

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the levy and payment schedule.

- (a) Pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:

- for the half year 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019 - in August/ September 2019 and October/November 2019; and



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for the half year 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 - in
February/March 2020 and April/May 2020.

- (b) Pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

ITEM 2.8 RATES AND CHARGES INSTALMENTS

RESOLUTION 20190729.14

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council agree to the rates and charges by instalments.

Pursuant to section 129 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, all rates and charges are payable regular instalments during the rating period.

ITEM 2.9 RATES CONCESSIONS

RESOLUTION 20190729.15

It was moved Cr Bawden, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council carried that Council agree to the rates concessions.

Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the differential general rate maximum 45% subsidy and that the amount of \$260.00 per annum maximum, be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ITEM 3.0 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION 20190729.16

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the 2019-20 budget and associated financial statements.

POLICIES

ITEM 4.0 ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY POLICY

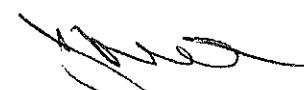
RESOLUTION 20190729.17

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Entertainment and Hospitality Policy.

ITEM 4.1 GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.18

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Grants to Community Organisations Policy.



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ITEM 4.2 DEBT POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.19

It was moved Cr Bawden, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Debt Policy.

ITEM 4.3 INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.20

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Investment Policy.

ITEM 4.4 REVENUE POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.21

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Revenue Policy.

ITEM 4.5 ADVERTISING POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.22

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Advertising Policy.

ITEM 4.6 INTERNAL AUDIT POLICY

RESOLUTION 20190729.23

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Revenue Policy.

ITEM 4.7 REVENUE STATEMENT

RESOLUTION 20190729.24

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Revenue Statement.

Attendance

Cr Wharton left the room at 11:07am

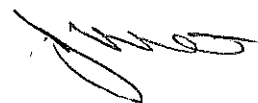
Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 11:10am

FEES AND CHARGES

ITEM 5.0 FEES AND CHARGES

RESOLUTION 20190729.25

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council adopt the Fees and Charges for 2019-20.



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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

DOW advised that Council had received four tenders for the replacement of the Aerodrome runway lights.

RESOLUTION 20190729.26

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that Council award the tender to Airside Services.

Cr Pattel requested that football teams be allowed to hire the Shire Hall/HACC Hall at \$5 per person for the Cluster Day weekend – 7th September 2019.

Cr Wharton advised that Council should recognise Kevin Pattel with an intimate dinner for his birthday and being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). All Councillors agreed.

Cr Kennedy advised that he has spoken to DOW about the hole in the bitumen between Majuba Creek and the Flinders River.

Cr Pattel advised that Winton Shire Council wanted to give voting rights to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum when the regional Councils meet for the next Australian Dinosaurs meeting. Council agreed that the Age of Dinosaurs Museum should become financial members if they wanted a vote at the meeting.

CEO advised of a date clash with the October Council meeting and the LGAQ annual conference in Cairns.

RESOLUTION 20190729.27

It was moved Cr Bawden, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the Council carried that Council change its October Council meeting date to the 22nd of October.

RESOLUTION 20190729.28

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Pattel and carried that the Council carried that Council close the budget meeting at 12:10pm.

