



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

27 JUNE 2014

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.04AM

1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – General Manager Corporate Services
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Ms A Cutler – Manager Finance
Ms F McRae - Marketing Communications Officer
Ms L Leeder – Committee Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence for the meeting was previously granted to Councillor Cherie Rutherford.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 2014/2015 OPERATIONAL PLAN

File No: 8320
Attachments: 1. 2014/2015 Operational Plan
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

General Manager Corporate Services presenting the 2014/2015 Operational Plan.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the 2014/2015 Operational Plan as attached be adopted pursuant to s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 ADOPTION OF 2014/2015 BUDGET

File No:	8785
Attachments:	1. 2014-2015 Budget Document
Authorising Officer:	Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author:	Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 5, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government must adopt, for each financial year a budget for its Operations prior to 1 August in the financial year. The budget papers were circulated via memo to all Councillors on 12 June 2014. Amendments to these have been made and the 2014/2015 Budget is now presented for adoption.

9:05AM Councillor Smith attended the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

1. Council receives the financial position for the 2013/14 financial period as contained in the attached report in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
2. Council receive and adopt the 2014/15 Budget including forward estimates in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* comprising:-
 - a) The Budgeted Income and Expenditure Statement, Budgeted Statement of Financial Position, Budgeted Statement of Cashflows and Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity for the 2014/15 financial year, 2015/16 financial year and 2016/17 financial year.
 - b) One Page Budget Summary for the 2014/2015 financial year.
 - c) The relevant measures of Financial Sustainability for 2014/2015 and the next nine financial years.
3. Council adopt the Revenue Statement as tabled and more specifically:-
 - a) Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the categories into which rateable land is categorised and the description of each of those categories for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014 is as set out in section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - b) Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council delegates to the CEO the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs, as set out in section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - c) Pursuant to sections 80 and 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land included in each category for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014, as set out in section 3 of the Revenue Statement.
 - d) Pursuant to Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a minimum differential general rate on all parcels of rateable land in the Local Government area for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014 as set out in section 3 the Revenue Statement.

- e) Pursuant to Section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will limit the percentage increase in the differential general rate. The limitation on increases for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014 shall be as set out in section 4 of the Revenue Statement.
 - f) Pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a special charge for the purpose of raising revenue for each Rural Fire Brigade for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014, as set out in section 5 of the Revenue Statement.
 - g) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of maintenance of the road network for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014, as set out in section 6 the Revenue Statement.
 - h) Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a separate charge on all parcels of rateable land for the purposes of defraying part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for environmental protection, enhancement and conservation for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014, as set out in section 6 the Revenue Statement.
 - i) Pursuant to Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council make and levy Utility Charges for Water, Sewerage and Waste & Recycling for the financial year beginning 1 July, 2014, as set out in section 7 of the Revenue Statement.
 - j) Pursuant to Section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* all rates and charges shall be due and payable within 35 days of the issue date of a notice to pay as set out in section 10 of the Revenue Statement.
 - k) Pursuant to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will charge interest on overdue rates and charges at an interest rate of 11% per annum, compounded on daily rests, on rates and charges remaining outstanding 30 days after the due date as set out in section 11 of the Revenue Statement.
 - l) Pursuant to Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will allow a discount of 10% on gross Council rates and charges excluding all special rates and charges, provided payment of the full amount outstanding and overdue rates and interest is paid by the due date as set out in section 12 of the Revenue Statement.
 - m) Pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council allows rating concessions in the manner described in section 13 of the Revenue Statement.
4. Council adopt the Debt Policy in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
 5. Council adopt the Long Term Financial Forecast as provided, which includes the Income and Expenditure as well as the value of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for Rockhampton Regional Council, in accordance with Sections 169 & 171 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
 6. Council adopt the Reserves Policy which is an administrative policy which supports the budget.
 7. In accordance with Section 169(3)(i) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receive the estimated statement for each significant business activities and commercial business units.

8. Council receives the remainder of the documentation as working papers to support the 2014/15 adopted budget including the 2014/15 Approved Capital List and Budget Report.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Williams
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:29am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE