



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

24 JUNE 2016

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON FRIDAY, 24 JUNE 2016 COMMENCING AT 12:13PM**

1 OPENING**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy CEO/General Manager Corporate Services
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Ms A Cutler – Manager Finance
Mr D Robey – Rates and Revenue Supervisor
Mr A Wratten – Communication and Marketing Supervisor
Ms E Brodel – Media Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence for the meeting was previously granted to Councillor Tony Williams.

No notification from Councillor Stephen Schwarten.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 ADOPTION OF 2016/2017 BUDGET

File No:	8785
Attachments:	1. Rockhampton Regional Council Budget 2016/2017
Authorising Officer:	Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author:	Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2, 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 9 June 2016. At the time of writing only very minor changes were proposed for the Capital Program, which as they are not substantial, will be held to the first Budget Revision.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT:

1. Council receive and adopt the 2016/17 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 2016/17 financial year, 2017/18 financial year and 2018/19 financial year;
 - b) One Page Budget Summary for the 2016/2017 financial year; and
 - c) The relevant measures of Financial Sustainability for 2016/2017 and the next nine financial years.
 - d) Capital Budget Listing – 2016/17 to 2018/19
2. 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 2016 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 2016, 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 2016 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 2016 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 30 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 charges, Natural Environment separate charge or water consumption 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.
3. Council adopt the Debt Policy in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
 4. 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*.
 5. Council receives the financial position for the 2015/16 financial period as contained in the attached report in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
 6. 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.

Council receives the remainder of the documentation as working papers to support the 2016/17 adopted budget including the Capital Budget Listing for 2016/17 to 2018/19 and Budget Report.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Mayoral budget as presented be received and lay on the table until a Special Meeting is called for the purpose of adopting the 2016/17 Budget on Friday 1 July 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION LOST

DIVISION:

Councillors R Swadling, N Fisher and E Smith voted in the affirmative.
Councillors M Strelow, C Rutherford and D Wickerson voted in the negative.
The Mayor, Councillor M Strelow exercised her casting vote in the negative.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The procedural motion being lost, the original motion was put.

MOTION CARRIED

DIVISION:

Councillors M Strelow, C Rutherford and D Wickerson voted in the affirmative.
Councillors R Swadling, N Fisher and E Smith voted in the negative.
The Mayor, Councillor M Strelow exercised her casting vote in the affirmative.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.26pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE