



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

28 APRIL 2020

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT PILBEAM THEATRE, VICTORIA PARADE, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2020 COMMENCING AT 12.33PM**

1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Cutler – Acting General Manager Community Services
Mr M Clerc – Acting Chief Financial Officer
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer
Ms S Friske – Committee Support Officer

Attendance via video stream:

Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Ms T Sweeney – Manager Workforce and Governance
Mr D Morrison – Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

File No: 1392
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This Special Meeting of Council will consider the Long Term Financial Forecast of Council and the potential impacts of COVID-19 on Council's future financial position.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12:59PM

THAT pursuant to s7.10 Council Meeting Procedures the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be suspended to allow adequate time for informal discussion on Item 5.1 – Long Term Financial Forecast prior to entering into formal debate.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Kirkland

MOTION CARRIED

1:08PM Councillor Latcham left the meeting

1:11PM Councillor Latcham returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2:06PM

THAT pursuant to s7.10 Council Meeting Procedures the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be resumed.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor Latcham

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

1. The officer's presentation be received.
2. The following scenarios be worked through and be presented to Council:
 - a. Use 1.5% and 2.5% increase on rates and charges;
 - b. Rates and levies are split at 40% for the first instalment and the balance levied in early 2021;
 - c. Look for austerity in areas of Council so to refocus those savings to support additional community and economic support for the next 12 months;
 - i. For the next 6 months reduce operating expenditure by reducing facilities that are open, opening hours, adjusting service levels, temporary refocus of staff to support the direction of Council, focus on compliance maintenance first and hold some maintenance over where possible;
 - ii. For the next 12 months delay non-essential capital;
 - iii. Push out larger capital projects over the next 5 years;
 - d. That additional concessions scenarios be presented around \$0, \$2m, \$4m, \$6m;
 - e. That \$2m, \$4m, \$6m be used to stimulate the local economy;
 - f. Identify what parts of the economy/business need support from Council.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Latcham
MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council's budget adoption date be deferred until a date in July.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Kirkland
MOTION CARRIED

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:12pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE