



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

29 APRIL 2025

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 CLOSED SESSION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council move into Closed Session pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

6.1 2025/2026 Budget Briefing

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:29AM

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Oram

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:30AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned for a short recess, to resume at 10:45AM

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:46AM

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

10:48AM Councillor Taylor attended the meeting
10:50AM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting
10:50AM Councillor Rutherford left the meeting room
10:51AM Councillor Rutherford returned to the meeting room
12:06PM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
12:08PM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**12:30PM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**12:30PM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 1:00PM

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**1:01PM**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

1:08PM Councillor Taylor left the meeting room
1:08PM Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting room

1:33PM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
1:36PM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

2:43PM Councillor Taylor left meeting room
2:46PM Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**2:52PM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**2:52PM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 9:00am on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**9:00AM – Wednesday 30 April 2025**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rutherford was not in attendance and did not participate in the vote.

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Cherie Rutherford tendered her apology.

9:51AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
9:55AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room
10:17AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
10:18AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:43AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:43AM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 11:00AM

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**11:00AM**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

11:11AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
11:12AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room
11:14AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
11:15AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room
11:17AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
11:18AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**12:18PM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**12:19PM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 1:00PM

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**1:01PM**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

1:02PM The Chief Executive Officer attended the meeting
1:21PM Councillor Taylor left the room
1:21PM Councillor Taylor returned to the room
1:51PM Councillor Taylor left the room
1:51PM Councillor Taylor returned to the room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**1:58PM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**1:59PM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 9:00am Tuesday 6 May 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**9:03AM – Tuesday 6 May 2025**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford (via Teams)
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

9:04AM Councillor Wickerson attended the meeting
9:05AM Councillor Latcham attended the meeting
9:09AM Councillor Mathers attended the meeting
9:36AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
9:40AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room
10:14AM Councillor Taylor left the meeting
10:17AM The Chief Executive Officer has left the meeting room
10:18AM The Chief Executive Officer has returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:24AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**10:24AM**

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 9am Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**9:07AM – Wednesday 7 May 2025**

THAT pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting moves into Closed Session to resume discussions on Item 6.1 – 2025/2026 Budget Briefing.

Moved by: Mayor Williams**Seconded by: Councillor Taylor****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford (via Teams)
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**9:21AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Mayor Williams**Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

6.1 2025/2026 BUDGET BRIEFING

File No: 8785
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

In accordance with section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss the local government's budget.

SUMMARY

This report will provide an update to Council on the progress of the 2025/2026 Budget.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the information associated with the briefing on the 2025/2026 Budget as presented.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers
MOTION CARRIED

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:22am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE