



SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

19 MAY 2025

These Minutes are due to be confirmed at the
next Ordinary Council Meeting 27 May 2025

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM**

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

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

5 CLOSED SESSION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:01AM

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 Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

9:13AM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting

9:53AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

9:57AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:03AM

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:03AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned for a short recess.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:18AM

That the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Councillor Oram
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
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:18AM

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: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Hilse

MOTION CARRIED

10:26AM Councillor Rutherford returned to the meeting
11:02AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
11:05AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting
11:15AM Councillor Latcham left the meeting
11:24AM The Executive Officer left the meeting
11:26AM The Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12:00PM
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

12:00PM
That the meeting be adjourned until 10:30AM on Tuesday 20 May 2025.

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:36AM
THAT the meeting be resumed.

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:36AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 12:30PM

Moved by: Mayor Williams**Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson****MOTION CARRIED****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

12:30PM

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

1:20PM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

1:22PM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

1:51PM Councillor Taylor left the meeting

1:51PM Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1:53PM

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**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1:53PM

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 9:00AM on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams**Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson****MOTION CARRIED****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

9:02AM

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

9:02AM The Deputy Chief Executive Officer attended the meeting

9:08AM The Chief Executive Officer attended the meeting

9:47AM Councillor Oram left the meeting room

9:48AM Councillor Oram returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:16AM

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

10:16AM

THAT the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 10:30AM

Moved by: Mayor Williams**Seconded by: Councillor Oram****MOTION CARRIED****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:31AM

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 C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

10:34AM Councillor Taylor attended the meeting
10:34AM Councillor Wickerson attended the meeting
10:35AM Councillor Rutherford attended the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

11:47AM

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**

6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

6.1 2025/2026 BUDGET BRIEFING

File No: 8785
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy 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 Taylor
MOTION CARRIED

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:48am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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