



# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**13 MAY 2026**

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**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 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:

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 2026/2027 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 Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED**

9:03AM Councillor Mathers attended the meeting

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:57AM

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

9:57am

THAT the meeting be adjourned to take a 10 minute recess

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams

**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram

**MOTION CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:12AM

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 – 2026/2027 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  
Councillor M A Taylor  
Councillor G D Mathers  
Councillor E B Hilse

## In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

10:13AM Councillors Wickerson and Rutherford attended the meeting  
10:39AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room  
10:43AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room  
11:22AM Councillor Oram left the meeting room  
11:24AM Councillor Oram returned to the meeting room  
12:09PM Councillor Wickerson left the meeting room  
12:12PM Councillor Wickerson returned to the meeting room  
12:15PM Mayor, Councillor Williams left the meeting room  
12:17PM Mayor, Councillor Williams returned to the meeting room

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

12:57PM

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**

## 6 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 6.1 2026/2027 BUDGET BRIEFING

**File No:** 8785

**Authorising Officer:** Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services

**Author:** Tisin Simon - Manager Finance

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.

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#### SUMMARY

*This report will provide an update to Council on the progress of the 2026/2027 Budget.*

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the information associated with the briefing on the 2026/2027 Budget as presented.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams

**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:57pm.

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SIGNATURE

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE