

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 8.35PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open, welcomed all those in attendance and acknowledged the past and present traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the meeting was held.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

2.1 Public Question Time

Nil

2.2 Address by Members of the Public

Nil

3.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

Cr Renee McLennan, Mayor
Cr Bob Brown, Deputy Mayor
Cr John Gangell
Cr Kathryn Hamilton
Cr Sarah Quinton
Cr Jai Wilson

Apologies

Cr Melissa Mykytiuk – Leave of Absence

Officers

Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Paul White, Director Corporate Services
Ms Deanie Carbon, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Public

Nil

Press

Nil

4.0 **REPORTS**

4.1 **Differential Rates Amendment (Ref: LAWE/LOCLWS/2 – Paul White, Director Corporate Services)**

APPLICATION

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) recently advised the Town of Bassendean that the differential rates adopted by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 July 2019 did not meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* (LGA) in two respects:

- GRV - Vacant Residential Land minimum payment; and
- Advertising requirements.

The meeting was adjourned, the time being 8.35pm to allow the Director Corporate Services to obtain previous correspondence received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The meeting was readjourned at 8.49pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION –
ITEM 4.1(a)

SCM1-1/09/19 MOVED Cr Gangell, Seconded Crs McLennan and Brown, that Council:

1. Rescinds OCM-19/07/19, Point 2, which reads:
 - “2. *Implements a Differential Rating for the 2019/20 financial year as follows:*
 - a) *GRV - Vacant Industrial, Vacant Commercial, Vacant Non Residential Land - Rate in the dollar of 0.145 and minimum rates of \$1,800; and*
 - b) *GRV - Vacant Residential Land - Rate in the dollar of 0.08 and a minimum rates of \$1,200”;*
2. Endorses the proposed administrative approach to retrieve the rates notices for vacant property prior to issue and re-issuing with an interim rates adjustment to apply the standard rate of 7.302 and minimum rate of \$1,106;
3. Notes the proposed covering letter to be sent to affected ratepayers, as attached to the Special Council Agenda of 3 September 2019); and
4. Considers the affect on budgeted revenue as part of the 2019/20 Budget Review.

As an Absolute Majority vote was required and not achieved, due to an equaity of votes, the motion was LOST 3/3

Crs McLennan, Brown and Gangell voted in favour of the motion. Crs Hamilton, Quinton and Wilson voted against the motion.

Cr Hamilton moved an alternative motion as follows:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – ITEM 4.1(b)

SCM1-2/09/19 MOVED Cr Hamilton, Seconded Cr Wilson, that Council:

1. Rescinds OCM-19/07/19, Point 2, Part B which reads:

“That Council implements a Differential Rating for the 2019/20 financial year as follows:

b) GRV - Vacant Residential Land - Rate in the dollar of 0.08 and a minimum rates of \$1,200”;

2. Endorses the proposed administrative approach to retrieve the rates notices for vacant residential property prior to issue and re-issuing with an interim rates adjustment to apply the standard rate of 7.302 and minimum rate of \$1,106;
3. Notes the proposed covering letter to be sent to affected ratepayers, as attached to the Special Council Agenda of 3 September 2019) with amendment to reflect reference to vacant residential land; and
4. Considers the affect on budgeted revenue as part of the 2019/20 Budget Review.

As an Absolute Majority vote was required and not achieved, due to an equaity of votes, the motion was LOST 3/3

*Crs Hamilton, Quinton and Wilson voted in favour of the motion.
Crs McLennan, Brown and Gangell voted against the motion.*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – ITEM 4.1(c)

SCM1-3/09/19 MOVED Cr McLennan, Seconded Cr Gangell, that Council defers the meeting to enable staff to seek advice from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries relating to Cr Hamilton’s amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

5.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 9.45pm.