

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO ADOPT THE 2015-2019 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN
AND THE 2015/16 BUDGET

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

ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2015 AT 7.00PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Mayor 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 being held.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms Nonie Jekabsons, 6 Barton Parade, Bassendean

Ms Jekabsons asked whether the Town has placed a value on the trees in the Town and whether they are included as assets.

The Director Operational Services responded that presently the trees have not been valued as assets, however, it is planned to be done in the future.

Ms Jekabsons commented that the plaques for significant trees is money well spent as they are protecting the trees and that the plaques should be extended to more trees in the Town.

Mrs Angie Piantadosi, 4 Jubilee Avenue, Eden Hill

Mrs Piantadosi asked whether there is an allocation in the budget for underground power.

The Director Operational Services responded that the State Government will be making an announcement later this year on funding for underground power. There is an allocation of \$10,000 to prepare a plan for a submission.

3.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

His Worship the Mayor, Cr John Gangell
Cr Mike Lewis, Deputy Mayor
Cr Anne Brinkworth
Cr Gerry Pule
Cr Jennie Carter
Cr Paul Bridges

Officers

Mr Bob Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer (until 8.15pm)
Mr Michael Costarella, Director Corporate Services
Mr Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development
Mr Simon Stewart-Dawkins, Director Operational Services
Mr Brian Reed, Manager Development Services
Mr Ken Lapham, Manager Corporate Services
Mrs Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

Public

Two members of the public were in attendance.

Press

One member of the press was in attendance.

4.0 **REPORTS**

4.1 **Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework - Review of the 2014-2018 Corporate Business Plan and Adoption of the 2015-2019 Corporate Business Plan (Ref: CORM/POLCY/1 - Bob Jarvis, CEO, and the Executive Management Team)**

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report was for Council to adopt the revised Corporate Business Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

That Council adopts the 2015-2019 Corporate Business Plan attached to the Special Council Agenda of 7 July 2015.

Councillors requested that they be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the Corporate Business Plan, for consideration at a future workshop.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – ITEM 4.1

SCM – 1/07/15 MOVED Cr Carter, Seconded Cr Pule, that:

1. Council adopts the draft 2015-2019 Corporate Business Plan attached to the Special Council Meeting Agenda of 7 July 2015;
2. Councillors review and provide feedback to staff on the draft 2015-19 Corporate Business Plan, refers the matter to a workshop and then refer it back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

4.2 **Adoption of the 2015/16 Budget (Ref: FINM/BUGTG/1 - Mike Costarella, Director Corporate Services)**

APPLICATION

Council was requested to adopt the 2015/16 Budget.

Council was advised that the date in Point 12 should read 25 August, not 26 August.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION –
ITEM 4.2

SCM – 2/07/15 MOVED Cr Pule, Seconded Cr Lewis, that:

1. Council sets a General Minimum Rate of \$1,026 for the year ending 30 June 2016;
2. Council sets a General Rate of 6.3600 cents in the dollar upon the Gross Rental Valuation of each rateable property in the district for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;
3. An ICT (Communication) Allowance of \$3,500 per annum) for 2015/16 be paid quarterly in arrears to Councillors with their meeting fees;
4. Councillors' meeting fees of \$15,000 for 2015/16 be paid quarterly in arrears;
5. The Mayor's meeting fee of \$24,000 for 2015/16 be paid quarterly in arrears;
6. A Local Government Allowance of:
 - a) \$35,000 for 2015/16 be paid to the Mayor;
 - b) \$7,500 for 2015/16 be paid to the Deputy Mayor;
7. Council adopts the Fees and Charges included in the attachment to the 2015/16 draft Budget for the 2015/16 financial year;
8. In accordance with section 6.38 of the Local Government Act, Council levies a service charge for the provision of underground power based on the following:
 - Network Charge \$3,316
 - Connection Charge \$ 521
 - The connection charge be reduced by 25% where the following applies:
 - a) Existing Pillar New Connection - \$390.75;
 - b) New Pillar Existing Connection - \$390.75.
 - The network charge be reduced by 50% to properties where there is existing infrastructure within the following locations:
 - a) Harman Court;

- b) Woolcock Court;
 - c) Royer Court;
 - d) Maley Street;
 - e) Ollie Kickett Mews;
 - f) Millard Close;
 - g) Smallman Place; and
 - h) Pearson Street.
9. Council approves:
- a) An administration fee of \$36 for ratepayers who elect to use the instalment payment option for their rates in the 2015/16 rating year;
 - b) An administration fee of \$50 be applied for those ratepayers who elect to use the “special payment arrangement”;
10. An interest charge of 5.5% on the balance of rate instalment monies for ratepayers who elect to use the instalment payment option for their rates in the 2015/16 financial year;
11. The transfers to and from Reserve Funds contained in the 2015/16 Budget, be adopted by Council;
12. Council sets the following dates as the due dates for payment of rates by instalments:
- First Instalment: 25 August 2015;
 - Second Instalment: 26 October 2015;
 - Third Instalment: 4 January 2016; and
 - Fourth Instalment: 4 March 2016.
13. A late payment interest rate be set in 2015/16 in accordance with the provision of Section 6.51(1) of the Local Government Act (1995) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations No. 70, at 11%;
14. A late payment interest rate be set in 2015/16 in accordance with the provision of Section 6.13(1) of the Local Government Act (1995) at 11%;
15. Council adopts the Rates Concession and Prizes for the 2015/16 financial year Budget;
16. Council adopts the 2015/16 Budget for the year ending 30 June 2016, as attached to the Special Council Agenda of 7 July 2015; and

17. Council adopts a materiality threshold of \$5,000 or 10%, whichever is the greater, for the 2015/16 financial period, in accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34(5).

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

5.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed, the time being 7.20pm.