



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

3rd, August 2017
9.00am

held in the Council Chambers, Hack St Sandstone



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AGENDA and STAFF REPORTS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SANDSTONE ON 3rd August 2017

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY VISITORS

The Presiding Member, Cr Carol Hodshon (Deputy Shire President) to declare the Meeting open at 9.00am.

1.1 Visitors Nil

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND/OR COUNCILLORS (without discussion unless otherwise determined)

Nil

3 ATTENDANCE

3.1 Present

Elected Members

Cr C (Carol) Hodshon Deputy Shire President (and Presiding member of this Meeting)

Cr K (Kerry) Key
Cr J P Bennett
Cr D Lefroy

Staff Members

Ms Margaret Duhig Administration Officer

3.2 Apologies

Mr Harry Hawkins Chief Executive Officer
Ms Beth Walton (Shire President)
Ms Freda May

3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Declarations of Financial Interest

6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interest

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6.4 Declarations of Impartiality Interest

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

10 OFFICERS REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

10.1.1 Differential Rates

Agenda Reference:	10.1.1
Location/Address:	None
Name of Applicant:	None
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date of Report:	1 August 2017
Previous References:	Resolution 49/17 June 2017
Author:	Harry Hawkins Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Council are being asked to approve the imposition of differential rates for the financial year 2017-2018

Attachments

Statement of Objects and reasons

Background

Council at its June ordinary meeting resolved to increase rates by 2% while not taking into account the change in valuations on the same basis as 2016-2017 including the imposition of differential rates. The imposition of differential rates that are more than twice the level of other rates requires the minister's approval.

When asking Council to approve this at the June and July 2017 meetings the CEO left crucial information out of the final recommendations/resolutions meaning the minister could not grant approval of the imposition of those differential rates. The budget cannot be adopted nor rates raised until the Minister's approval is given.

Comment

To allow the minister to approve differential rates the full details of the rates including the rate in the dollar is required to be a part of the resolution and resolution 49/2017 did not include the rate in the dollar among other things. The full details of proposed rates for the 2017-2018 year are as follows.

	Rate in \$	Number of properties	Rateable value \$	2017/18 Budgeted rate revenue \$
Differential general rate or general rate				
GRV Townsite	0.062899	36	236,236	14,859
GRV Transient Workforce Accommodation	0.355767	4	72,020	25,622
UV Rural	0.058227	19	700,188	40,770
UV Mining	0.257208	110	3,582,304	921,397
Sub-Totals		169	4,590,748	1,002,648
Minimum payment				
	Minimum \$			
GRV Townsite	200	29	17,998	5,800
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UV Rural	315	7	7,917	2,205
UV Mining	315	40	26,240	12,600
Sub-Totals		76	52,155	20,605
		245	4,642,903	1,023,253

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management Regulations)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil, the budget will be set accordingly.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Resolution 69/17

Moved Cr Kerry Key Seconded Cr David Lefroy

1. That Council determines to impose rates as per the following table which includes a 2% increase ignoring any changes in the valuations and differential rates where the rates for mining ratepayers is more than twice the rate of other ratepayers and minimum rates for GRV rated properties is \$200 and for UV \$315.

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2. That Council adopt the attached revised Objects and Reasons

Carried by Absolute Majority (4/0)

14 MEETING ITEMS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

14.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Nil

14.2 Public Reading of Resolutions to be made Public

Nil

TIME and DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 August 2017
At 11.00am

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Deputy Shire President closed the meeting at 9.20am.