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Council Minutes

Shire of Pingelly

Special Council Meeting

Friday 25 August 2023

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman to declare the meeting open at 3:33pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Noongar people of this area and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay respect to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people past, present and emerging.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present

Cr W Mulroney President
Cr B Hotham
Cr P Narducci
Cr P Wood
Cr J McBurney

Staff in Attendance

Mr A Dover Chief Executive Officer
Ms Z Macdonald Executive Manager Corporate Services

Members of the Public

Nil

Apologies

Cr A Oliveri
Cr K Singh

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Nil

8. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 Adoption of 2023/24 General Rates

File Reference:	ADM0067
Location:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable
Author:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Statutory Budget Schedule of Fees & Charges

Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider and adopt the Shire of Pingelly Budget for the 2023/2024 financial year, imposition of rates. The resolution for the imposition of rates detailing the rate in the dollar was accidentally omitted in resolution 13299 on the Special Meeting dated 2 August 2023.

Background

Council is required to formally adopt an annual budget to guide the functions and operations of the local government and enable it to raise revenue and deliver services to the community.

Comment

The budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and Australian Accounting Standards. The main features of the draft budget include:

- The budget has been prepared with a total rate revenue increase of 5% in line with the forward financial plans contained in the Plan for the Future. The proposed 2% increase for the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network has not been included with the draft budget due to the delayed commencement. The current \$165,000 funding has been provided to fund planning the future works and permits e.g. clearing permits and approvals under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act*.
- Fees and Charges have been increased by 3.5% and are itemised in the draft budget.
- Household and commercial waste charges have also increased by 7.0% and are itemised.
- A capital works program totalling \$2,950,330 for investment in infrastructure, buildings, plant and equipment and furniture and equipment is planned. Expenditure on road infrastructure is the major component of this in line with Council's strategy to increase the investment in road and associated assets. The Capital Road Program budget includes \$1,321,162 in road projects which is all grant funded from the following sources:

Main Roads	Regional Road Group	\$399,076
	Direct Grant	\$113,053
	Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network	\$165,000
DITRDC	Roads to Recovery Program	\$181,566
	LRCI Phase	\$ 50,000
	LRCI Phase 4	\$154,355

- There are no new borrowings planned for the 2023/24 financial year.
- There is one new reserve accounts proposed for the PRACC facility. Whilst there is no proposed transfer to this reserve in 2023/2024, Council have recognised this as a future consideration for inclusion in the budget going forwards.

An estimated surplus of \$1.8m is the current financial position brought forward from 30 June 2023. However, this is unaudited and may change. Any change will be addressed as part of a future budget review.

Consultation

While no specific consultation has occurred on the draft 2023/24 budget, significant community consultation and engagement has previously occurred during development of the Strategic Community Plan from which the Corporate Business Plan was developed.

Extensive internal consultation has occurred between all Divisions and through briefings and workshops with elected members.

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local government Act 1995* requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its Municipal Fund for the financial year ending on the next 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2022/23 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A balanced budget for the 2023/24 financial year.

Economic Implications

The draft 2023/2024 budget has been developed based on sound financial management and accountability principles and is considered to deliver a sustainable economic outcome for council and the community.

Social Implications

The draft 2023/24 budget delivers social outcomes identified in Pingelly planning and community supporting strategies that have been adopted by the Council.

Environmental Implications

The draft 2023/24 budget supports key environmental strategies and initiatives adopted by council.

Strategic Implications

Goal 5	Innovation Leadership and Governance
Outcome 5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
Strategy 5.6.1	Financial management and reporting systems are able to deliver on all administrative and management functions (including reporting) and long-term financial planning requirements

Risk Implications

Risk	Failure to prepare and Council adopt an Annual budget by 31 August each year.
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Low (4)
Principal Risk Theme	Statutory Compliance
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Preparation of the Annual Budget in a staged and planned process each year to be presented to Council before the 31 August each year for adoption.

Risk Matrix

Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Medium (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

Part B – General Rates

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Recommendation and Council Decision:

13317 Moved: Cr Narducci Seconded Cr Hotham

That:

For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part A above, Council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 impose the following general rates and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values:

Residential (GRV)	14.0900 cents in the dollar
Commercial (GRV)	14.0900 cents in the dollar
Industrial (GRV)	14.0900 cents in the dollar
Townsite (GRV)	14.0900 cents in the dollar
Broadacre Rural (UV)	0.7294 cents in the dollar

CARRIED 5/0

For: President Mulroney, Deputy McBurney, Crs Hotham, Narducci, Wood

Against: Nil

Councillor comments in support of the motion:

Nil

Councillor comments opposing the motion:

Nil

9. DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil

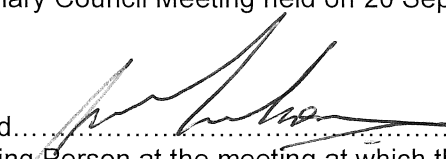
10. DIRECTORATE OF WORKS

Nil

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 03:38pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 September 2023

Signed.....
Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.