



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 5 May 2015

To be held Council Meeting
Room McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commencing at 12:30 PM

COUNCIL:

Cr CM Adamson – Mayor

Cr JN Katis

Cr GW Norton

Cr GI Cruickshank

Cr JA Kiley

Cr LT McPhee

Cr JB Crowe

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Open**

Deputy Mayor, Cr John Katis assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 12.30pm.

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

Deputy Mayor, Cr John Katis read the Acknowledgement to Country.

- **Prayer**

Cr Jim Crowe read the prayer.

- **Apologies**

Mayor Cr Michael Adamson

1/15 Motion

MOVED Cr Norton

That the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED Cr Kiley

The Motion was put and CARRIED

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.15.28 2015/16 DRAFT BUDGET

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
File Number: 42-09-71
Attachments: Nil.

Declarations of Interest:

David Lenton - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

Councillors and Officers have been working on a draft 2015/16 Budget for a number of months. The draft 2015/16 Budget is now ready to be prepared by Council.

Discussion

The Local Government Act requires Council to prepare the Budget, invite submissions, and then formally adopt the Budget after considering any submissions. The submission period under the Act is a minimum of 28 days.

Council's process to adopt the Budget will be as follows:

- 9 June 2015 – Receive and hear submissions at the Ordinary Meeting.
- 23 June 2015 – Consider any submissions or amend and adopt the budget if no submissions are received at a Special Meeting held at 1pm.
- 30 June 2015 – Amend or adopt the Budget at Special Meeting held at 2pm if submissions were received.

These meetings will be conducted at the Swan Hill Town Hall, Council Chambers, McCallum Street, Swan Hill.

Once adopted the Budget will establish the financial parameters and targets for the organisation and enable rate notices to be issued.

Consultation

The recommendations will enable the draft 2015/16 Budget to be advertised for comment and formal submissions can then be received.

Council will hold public information sessions in Robinvale on 11 May 2015 in the Robinvale Resource Centre and in Swan Hill on 12 May 2015 in the Swan Hill Town Hall Cafe area. Both meetings will commence at 5.30pm.

Financial Implications

The 2015/16 Budget will establish the financial parameters within which Council intends to deliver its works and services during 2015/16.

Social Implications

The services to be funded in the draft Budget will have a positive outcome for the community in all areas of the Council Plan.

Economic Implications

As above

Environmental Implications

As above

Risk Management Implications

The Budget enables the financial performance of Council to be better managed and therefore reduce financial risks to Council.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Responsible management of resources - We will continually improve the management of our finances, assets, systems and technology to achieve and maintain Best Value in our operations.

Options

Council may either resolve to prepare the Budget in its current form or make further amendments.

Recommendation

That Council advertise the draft 2015/16 Budget and call for submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

2/15 Motion

MOVED Cr McPhee

That Council advertise the draft 2015/16 Budget and call for submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

SECONDED Cr Cruickshank

The Motion was put and CARRIED

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Cr John Katis closed the meeting at 12.34pm.