



SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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Are committed to operating effectively and efficiently to provide quality
Lifestyle opportunities that encourage population growth and development'*

MINUTES

For the

Special Meeting of Council
To Adopt The Draft Budget 2014-15
Held

6:00PM, TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2014

Shire of Boddington Council Chambers
Bannister Road Boddington

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

The Shire President, Cr Allert declared the meeting open at 6:01pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

2.1.1 Attendance

Cr JR Allert	President
Cr J Hewton	Deputy President
Cr EK Hoek	
Cr N Crilly	
Cr J Goodgame	
Cr T Collins	
Cr M Nelson	
Mr G Simpson	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr G Bartle	Director of Corporate Services
Mr T Pearson	Director Special Projects
Mr A Koeppen	Director Economic Development
Ms K Fisher	Finance Manager
Mrs A Patten	Manager Community Services
Mr P Haas	Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor
Ms T Bryant	Executive Assistant
Mr L Lewis	Ranger
Mr K Noonan	
Mrs E Noonan	
Mr F Waite	
Mrs M Waite	

2.1.2 Apologies

Nil

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil

4.2 WRITTEN QUESTIONS PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:

Nil

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY:

Nil

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/
SUBMISSIONS:

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Nil

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION:

Nil at this time.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

8.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

8.1.1	Adoption of Draft Budget 2014-2015
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File Ref. No: ADM0314
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 22nd August 2014
Author: Grant Bartle, Kerry Fisher
Attachment: 8.1.1A Draft Budget 2014/2015 (included separately)
8.1.1B Draft Fees & Charges (included separately)

Purpose

To consider and adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2014/15 financial year together with supporting schedules, including striking of the municipal fund rates, adoption of fees and charges, setting of elected members fees for the year and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

Background

Each year local governments are required to adopt the Municipal Fund budget for the forthcoming financial year and set a rate in the dollar for rates that allow the Council to operate financially. Once adopted, it is then presented to the Department of Local Government.

Comment

In reviewing the 2014/15 Draft Budget, Council should note that:

1. The Draft Budget is presented as a balanced budget;
2. A 5% rate increase has been included in the calculations however, ratepayers can achieve a 5% saving if paid by the discount date. There will be some property owners that will experience higher rates as a result of a change in valuation of their property;
3. Several of the projects identified through the Project Priority Planning Workshop have been included in the Draft Budget (refer capital program);
4. The Draft Budget has been compiled on the principles contained in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan;
5. The Draft Budget has been prepared to include information required by the Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 and Australian Accounting Standards.

This budget incorporates a total operating expenditure of \$8,257,761 which is a decrease from last year's budgeted expenditure of \$8,627,457.

This decrease in expenditure is in line with funding cuts and reductions to grant income.

Less capital works projects have been planned to ensure Council has sufficient funds to provide a professional works and maintenance program to improve the facilities available to our ratepayers.

The Shire of Boddington has budgeted to receive \$1,756,602 in grants towards capital projects.

As a part of the following budget for 2014/2015, the Shire of Boddington has committed to undertake these major projects:

1. Special Projects

Construction of New Youth Centre	764,402
Recreation Centre	3,110,000
Ken Austic Square	123,000
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	3,997,402

2. Other Projects

Central Park Upgrade	20,000
Swimming Pool Retiling Surround	30,000
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	50,000

3. Road Construction

Harvey Quindanning Road – Seal	274,500
Mistletoe View/Pardalote Heights - Seal	157,879
Days Road	40,000
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	472,379

Conclusion

It is anticipated that through this budget, Council will be able to further progress and increase facilities provided to the community and its wider users, and increase Council owned assets.

These continue as exciting times for the Boddington region and the demand for increased infrastructure remains very important to ensure that the region continues to prosper and develop at a rapid but controlled rate.

Strategic Implications

The 2014/15 draft budget has been developed based on existing strategic planning documents adopted by council.

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, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June. Divisions 5 and 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 refer to the setting of budgets and the raising of rates and charges. The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 details the form and content of the budget.

The 2014/15 draft budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Council's 2014/2015 draft budget document contains a number of items that require adoption by Council under the Local Government Act. These are in accordance with:

1. Section 6.32 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995, Rates and Minimum Rates to be levied on all rateable property be as follows:

Valuation	Rate cents/dollar	Minimum Rate \$
Gross Rental Value	7.5060	790
Unimproved Value	0.5721	800

2. Section 6.35 (5) of the Local Government Act 1995 requires that the Minister for Local Government's approval be sought for the imposing of a minimum payment where the number of separately rated properties in the district on which a minimum payment is imposed is greater than 50%;
3. Section 6.46 of the Local Government Act allows a discount of 5% for payment of rates in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;
4. Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act allows a 5.5% interest charge be levied on rates instalments, Deferred Pensioners Rates' excluded;
5. Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act allows an administration charge of \$7.50 be levied for the second and each of the subsequent rates installments;
6. Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act allows an 11% interest charge be levied on all overdue rates outstanding, Deferred Pensioners' Rates excluded;
7. Section 6.32 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 the Schedule of Rents, Leases and Charges as detailed in the budget document;
8. Section 64 (2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that the due date for installments be set as follows:

Two Instalment Option:

- 1st Instalment due not before 13th October 2014; and
- 2nd Instalment due not before 16th February 2015;

Four Instalment Option:

- 1st Instalment due not before 13th October 2014; and
- 2nd Instalment due not before 15th December 2014; and
- 3rd Instalment due not before 16th February 2015; and
- 4th Instalment due not before 16th April 2015.

9. Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a local government to give local public notice of any fees or charges it wishes to impose after adoption of the annual budget; and

10. Section 6.1 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires that Council is required to adopt a percentage or value, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances against the adopted Budget.

Policy Implications

The budget is based on the principles contained in the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan.

Financial Implications

Specific financial implications are as outlined in the Comment section of this report and as itemised in the 2014/15 draft budget attached for adoption.

Economic Implications

The 2014/15 draft 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 2014/15 draft budget delivers social outcomes identified in various planning and community supporting strategies that have previously been adopted by the council.

Environmental Considerations

The 2014/15 draft budget supports key environmental strategies and initiatives adopted by council.

Consultation

UHY Haines Norton
Acting CEO
Senior staff

Options

Council can resolve:

1. the Officer's Recommendation;
2. that the Draft Budget for 2014/2015 be adopted as amended;
3. that the Draft Budget for 2014/2015 be deferred for further deliberations.

Voting Requirements - Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION – 8.1.1

That Council adopt, as detailed in the 2014/2015 Draft Budget included at Attachment 8.1.1A and Fees and Charges at Attachment 8.1.1B:

1. the Rates and Minimum Rates to be levied in 2014/2015 on all rateable property be as follows:

Valuation	Rate cents/dollar	Minimum Rate \$
Gross Rental Value	7.5060	790
Unimproved Value	0.5721	800

2. a discount of 5% be allowed for payment of annual rates paid in full within 35 days of the date of issue of Council's rate notice;
3. a 5.5% interest charge be levied on rates instalments, eligible and deferred pensioners rates' excluded;
4. an 11% interest charge be levied on all overdue rates, eligible and deferred pensioners rates' excluded;
5. an 11% interest charge be levied on all overdue service charges and rubbish charges, eligible and deferred pensioners rates' excluded;
6. an administration charge of \$7.50 be levied for the second and each of any subsequent rates instalments;
7. the due date for instalments of rates payments be set as follows:
 - a. two Instalment Option:
 - i. 1st Instalment due not before 13th October 2014; and
 - ii. 2nd Instalment due not before 16th February 2015;
 - b. four Instalment Option:
 - i. 1st Instalment due not before 13th October 2014; and
 - ii. 2nd Instalment due not before 15th December 2014; and
 - iii. 3rd Instalment due not before 16th February 2015; and
 - iv. 4th Instalment due not before 16th April 2015.
8. Council adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in the 2014/2015 Draft Budget;

- b. four Instalment Option:
 - v. 1st Instalment due not before 13th October 2014; and
 - vi. 2nd Instalment due not before 15th December 2014; and
 - vii. 3rd Instalment due not before 16th February 2015; and
 - viii. 4th Instalment due not before 16th April 2015.
- 8. Council adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in the 2014/2015 Draft Budget;
- 9. the Revenue and Expenditure as detailed in the 2014/2015 Draft Budget;
- 10. Council adopt a materiality threshold of +/- 10% of the budget allocation unless the dollar value of any variance is less than \$2,000 in the statement of financial activity for 2014/2015.
- 11. approve the overdraft limit to increase from \$500,000 to \$750,000 in the Municipal Fund for the purpose of carryover funding during periods of low income and delegate to the Acting Shire President and Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the National Australia Bank's documentation.

Seconded

Cr Crilly

Carried 4/3

Cr Goodgame requested all votes be recorded.

For Cr Crilly, Cr Hewton, Cr Nelson, Cr Allert
 Against Cr Goodgame, Cr Collins, Cr Hoek

9. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil

10. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEETING):

Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

Nil

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

With no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Allert, closed the meeting at 6.47pm.

These minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday

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J R ALLERT
(President)

Attach with Minutes copy of the Adopted Budget 2014-2015