



# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
INGHAM ON TUESDAY  
8 JULY 2014  
AT 2.00 PM

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- ATTENDANCE
- Present were Councillors R Bow, PD Lynch, DG Carr, WG Skinner, LR Molachino and MG Tack
  - Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (LE Mash), Executive Manager Engineering Services (J Stewart), Executive Manager Environmental Health Services (T Tanase), Executive Manager Corporate Services (D Tombs), Executive Manager Development and Planning (RF Pennisi) and Executive Assistant (CA Fulton)

- APOLOGY
- An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor SJ Kaurila and it was resolved as at 20 May 2014 that leave of absence be granted

1. STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

That in accordance with S205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a statement of estimated financial position for the year 2013/14 is presented for the information of Council at the budget meeting.

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That the report be received and noted.

Carried - 080714-01

2. REPORT ON THE BUDGET

The Mayor, Councillor R Bow submitted a Report dated 8 July 2014 introducing the Budget.

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That the report be received and noted.

Carried - 080714-02

3. OPERATIONAL PLAN -

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That in accordance with S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council's 2014 / 2015 Operational Plan as attached be adopted.

Carried - 080714-03

4. FINANCIAL POLICIES

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council's Investment Policy as attached be adopted. Carried - 080714-04

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council's Debt Policy as attached be adopted. Carried - 080714-05

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council's Revenue Policy as attached be adopted. Carried - 080714-06

5. REVENUE STATEMENT AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the attached policies be adopted.

- Revenue Statement
- Rate Recovery Policy
- Rate Rebate and Concession Policy
- Special Rate – Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)

Carried - 080714-07

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S80 and S81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that a differential general rating scheme be adopted and the differential rating categories and differential rating categories descriptions as outlined in the Revenue Statement Section 3 be approved and adopted. Carried - 080714-08

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S94 *Local Government Regulation 2012* that special rates as outlined in Section 6 of the Revenue Statement and detailed in the attached policies be adopted.

- Special Rate – Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Crystal Creek Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Bambaroo Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)
- Special Rate – Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Overall Plan)
- Special Rate – Stone River Rural Fire Brigade Charge (Annual Implementation Plan)

Carried - 080714-09

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Utility Charges are adopted as outlined in Section 7 of the Revenue Statement.

Carried - 080714-10

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a separate rate is adopted as outlined in Section 5 of the Revenue Statement.

Carried - 080714-11

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and as outlined in Section 7 of the Revenue Statement, a water meter is taken to be read during the period that starts two weeks before, and ends two weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read.

Carried - 080714-12

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a limit will apply to the increase in rates and charges as outlined in Section 3 and Section 4 of the Revenue Statement.

Carried - 080714-13

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That in accordance with S122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* concessions will be granted to ratepayers based on the details outlined in Section 13 of the Revenue Statement and as detailed in the Rate Rebate and Concession Policy.

Carried - 080714-14

## 6. ANNUAL BUDGET 2014/2015, 2015/2016 AND 2016/2017

Moved Councillor  
Seconded Councillor

That the Budget for 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 which include the following attached documents be adopted.

### ✓ Statement of Income and Expenditure

-	Budget Cash Surplus 2013/2014	\$1.63m
-	Budget Cash Surplus 2014/2015	\$5.54m
-	Budget Cash Surplus 2015/2016	(\$2.79m) deficit
-	Budget Cash Surplus 2016/2017	(\$2.18m) deficit

- ▼ *Statement of Financial Position*
- ▼ *Cash Flow Statement*
- ▼ *Statement of Changes in Equity*
- ▼ *Longterm financial forecast*
- ▼ *And associated notes to the Budget* Carried - 080714-15

6. NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY PROCESS.

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That Council resolves to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to its Water business activity, Sewerage business activity, Waste Management business activity and Building Certification activity in 2014/2015. Carried - 080714-16

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That Council adopt the Competition and Water Reform Policy as attached. Carried - 080714-17

*Moved*                      *Councillor*  
*Seconded*                *Councillor*

That Council adopt the Competitive Neutrality Complaint Process as attached. Carried - 080714-18

7. CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at            pm

APPROVED and adopted on 15 July 2014

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MAYOR