



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, INGHAM
ON MONDAY 10TH AUGUST, 2009
AT 4.05 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

- Present were Councillors G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, S.J. Kaurila, G.P. Gianotti, D.M. Bosworth and P.D. Lynch.

- Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Finance Manager (C.J. Trost), Management Accountant (B. Polenske), Manager Engineering Services (B.E. Leach), Manager Corporate & Economic Development (R.F. Pennisi), Manager Corporate Communications (D. Hoban) and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

APOLOGY

- An apology for non-attendance was received from L.R. Molachino and it was resolved that leave of absence be granted.

1. REPORT ON THE BUDGET

The Mayor, Councillor G. Giandomenico, submitted a Report dated 10th August, 2009, introducing the Budget.

Resolved - That the report be received.
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

2. OPERATIONAL PLAN -

Resolved – That Council's 2009 / 2010 Operational Plan as attached be adopted.
(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti - Carried)

3. RATES AND CHARGES – REVENUE POLICIES

Resolved - That following policies be adopted by Council:-

- *Revenue Policy;*
- *Revenue Statement;*
- *Special Rate – Elphinstone Bridge Charge (Overall Plan);*
- *Special Rate – Elphinstone Bridge Charge (Annual Implementation Plan);*
- *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).*

And that the Rates and Utility Charges required to be made under Section 963 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the financial year ending 30th June, 2009, as outlined in the revenue statement be approved and adopted.

(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

4. ANNUAL BUDGET

Resolved - That the budget documents attached providing a balanced budget with the Income Statement net result for each year:-

- 2008 / 2009 surplus \$ 8,528,885;
- 2009 / 2010 surplus \$18,597,640;
- 2010 / 2011 surplus \$ 4,474,443;
- 2011 / 2012 surplus \$ 3,735,432;
- 2012 / 2013 surplus \$ 2,501,258;
- 2013 / 2014 surplus \$ 3,138,925.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

5. RESERVE FUNDS

Resolved Council resolves to utilise reserve funds for purposes other than the intended reserve purpose to limit Council rate increases and defer external borrowing.

(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)

6. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

Resolved – That Council adopt the revised policies as attached:-

- *Rate Recovery Policy;*
 - *Internal Auditing Policy;*
 - *Reserve Funds Establishment Policy;*
 - *Policy on Borrowings;*
 - *Purchasing Policy;*
 - *Advertising Policy;*
 - *Entertainment and Hospitality Policy;*
 - *Support for Achievement Policy;*
 - *Support for Events Policy;*
 - *Grants to Community Organisations Policy;*
 - *Financial Assistance – Interest Free Loans for Community/Sporting Groups;*
 - *Schedule of Regulatory, Commercial and Other Fees.*
- (Crs. Lynch and Lancini - Carried unanimously)*

7. **NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY PROCESS.**

Resolved - 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 2009 / 2010.

Resolved – That Council adopt the Competition and Water Reform Policy as attached.

Resolved – That Council adopt the Complaint Process as attached.

(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)

8. **CONCLUSION** - This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 4.22 p.m.

9. **APPROVED** and adopted this 10th day of August, 2009.

MAYOR