

# Minutes

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

# **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on  $19^{th}$  July 2018 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on  $21^{st}$  June 2018.

Cr Karin Day Shire President

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#### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.32pm. A minute silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former ratepayers and residents who recently passed away:

- Hazel Bennett
- Des Penny
- Mark Warmdean

# 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### **Councillors:**

Cr KM Day President

Cr WJ Huxtable Deputy President Cr RS Corsini

Cr DL Geier Cr RA Della Bosca

Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle Chief Executive Officer

Members of the Public: Ian Mahoney (left 4.46)

**Apologies:** Cr JJ Jefferys

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

# 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.35pm - 3.50pm)

Nil

# 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

# 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

# **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Huxtable Seconded: Cr Corsini

01/06-18 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be confirmed as

a true and correct record.

CARRIED 5/0

# 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held Thursday 26 April 2018 be received.

RESOLUTION			
Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Della Bosca
02/06-18	That the minutes of received.	the Great Eastern Country Zone	Meeting held Thursday 26 April 2018 be

CARRIED 5/0

# 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President, Cr Day advised having attended the following meetings:

- Informal meeting with Tim Blyth, General Manager of Ramelius Resources.
- Council Road Inspection with CEO, Works Supervisor, Cr's Huxtable, Geier, Corsini and Della Bosca.

Cr Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

• Ladies Lounge official opening at the old school building.

# 8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Financial</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **21**<sup>st</sup> **June 2018.** 

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Closely Association Person And Impartiality</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **21**<sup>st</sup> June **2018**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Proximity</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **21**st **June 2018.** 

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

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# 9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

# 9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

#### 9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO

**Author:** Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer **File Reference:** F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Disclosure of Interest: Ni

Attachments: Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts

Signature: Officer CEO

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#### **Purpose of the Report**



# **Background**

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.



# Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of May 2018. The credit card statements currently show:

CEO May 2018 \$1578.54 First Aid Kit requirements, Uniform shoes, Travel &

accommodation Shauna, Housing & Office linet service, ablution caravan park

requirements.

Works Supervisor May 2018 \$499.00 Licence new Pardo, BCF voucher Joel Kowaloski.



# **Statutory Environment**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.



# **Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.



# **Strategic Implications**

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.



#### **Financial Implications**

Expenditure in accordance with the 2016/2017 Annual Budget.

	Voting Requirements	
$\boxtimes$	Simple Majority	Absolute Majority
OFF	ICED DECOMMENDATIONS	

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That May 2018 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3643 to 3654 and D/Debits EFT3006 to EFT3070 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$392,837.35 be passed for payment

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Della Bosca Seconded: Cr Huxtable

03/06-18 That May 2018 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3643 to

3654 and D/Debits EFT3006 to EFT3070 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling

\$392,837.35 be passed for payment

**CARRIED 5/0** 

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#### 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – MAY 2018

**Responsible Officer:** Jamie Criddle, CEO **Author:** Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer File Reference: F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements **Disclosure of Interest:** Attachments: Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Signature: Officer CEO , erel **Purpose of the Report** |X|**Executive Decision** Legislative Requirement **Background** This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.



The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

- 1. Summary of Bank Balances
- 2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
- 3. Balance Sheet
- 4. Budget v Actuals Schedules



#### **Statutory Environment**

General Financial Management of Council Council 2015/2016 Budget Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996 Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4



# **Policy Implications**

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.



# **Strategic Implications**

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council's activities and financial performance during the reporting period.



# **Financial Implications**

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.



# **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

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# **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Huxtable

04/06-18 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st May 2018 and

note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 5/0

# 9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – MAY 2018

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO			
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer			
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report			
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil			
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report			
Signature:	Officer CEO			
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Purpose of the Report				
Executive Decision	Legislative Requirement			
Background				
	F Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 31st May 2018 is provided means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.			
Comment				
The GST Reconciliation Report is a	ttached for Councillor consideration.			
Statutory Environment				
Nil				
Policy Implications				
Council does not have a policy in r	egards to Goods and Services Tax.			
Strategic Implications				
Nil				
Financial Implications				
The GST reconciliation is presente has an impact on Council's cash-flo	ed to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which ow.			
Voting Requirements				
Simple Majority	Absolute Majority			
OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS				

That the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$6,025) for the period ending  $31^{st}$  May 2018 be adopted.

# **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

05/06-18 That the GST Reconciliation totalling (\$6,025.00) for the period ending 31st May 2018 be

adopted

**CARRIED 5/0** 

# 21st June 2018 9.1.4 **DEPT OF EDUCATION – VACSWIN 2018/19 Responsible Officer:** Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO **File Reference: Disclosure of Interest:** Nil **Attachments: Attachment** CEO Signature: Officer **Purpose of the Report** X **Executive Decision** Legislative Requirement **Background** In 2018-19, the Dept of Education will be conducting its 99th annual vacation swimming program and is requesting approval to conduct VacSwim at the Westonia Swimming Pool. **Community/Stakeholder Consultation** Leah Philippe - Swimming Pool Manager Comment The Country Early Start Program will be conducted from Saturday 15 to Friday 21 December 2018, including Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December 2018. Council also offer free entry to the Swimming Pool during the pool season. **Statutory Environment** Nil **Policy Implications** There are no policies relating to this matter. **Strategic Implications** N/A **Financial Implications** Nil **Voting Requirements**

# **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Simple Majority

X

That Council approve the request of the Education Department to conduct VacSwim classes at the Westonia Swimming Pool from Saturday 15 to Friday 21 December 2018.

**Absolute Majority** 

# **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Corsini

06/06-18 That Council approve the request of the Education Department to conduct VacSwim classes

at the Westonia Swimming Pool from Saturday 15 to Friday 21 December 2018.

CARRIED 5/0

#### 9.1.5 WALGA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Responsible Officer:
Author:
Jamie Criddle, CEO
File Reference:
Disclosure of Interest:
Attachments:

Signature:

Officer

CEO

Purpose of the Report



# **Background**

**Executive Decision** 

Members of the Great Eastern Country Zone discussed the proposed amendments to the WALGA constitution.

Legislative Requirement

The constitution amendments where as per the following:

#### **WALGA Recommendation**

That Clause 18 and Clause 19 of the Association Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 18, sub-clause (1) be amended with the addition of the underlined words, as follows:

Following determination of the election of the President pursuant to clause 17 of this Constitution, the State Council shall elect a Deputy President from amongst its metropolitan and country representatives, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to the President elected pursuant to clause 17.

- II. Clause 19 be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words, as follows:
  - (1) If the office of the President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the President is unable to take or hold office at a period which exceeds six months from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced.
  - (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of President at a period which is six months or less from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, the State Council may convene a meeting to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution, shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced, or the State Council may in its discretion, determine that the vacancy be filled by the Deputy President until the date of the next scheduled election.
  - (3) An election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) shall cause the office of Deputy President to be declared vacant immediately prior to the conduct of the election.
  - (4) Following an election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) an election pursuant to Clause 19(5) will be conducted for the office of Deputy President from amongst representatives of the alternate constituency to that of the President just elected.
  - (3)(5) If the office of Deputy President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the Deputy President is unable to take or hold office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a Deputy President who shall hold the office for the balance of the term of the Deputy President replaced, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to that of the President.

(4)(6) A State Council representative elected to fill a vacancy of <u>President or</u> Deputy President pursuant to clause 18 19 shall still be eligible for election to a subsequent two (2) full consecutive terms.

That Clause 17A – Rotation of Presidency be added to the Association Constitution, as follows:

17A – Rotation of Presidency

At an election for the position of President conducted under sub-clause 17(2), only the incumbent President, subject to complying with sub-clause 17(5), or State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.

At an election for the position of President conducted under Clause 19, only State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.

That Clause 20 of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:

A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association, or from attending State Council in an ex-officio capacity, if that person:

That sub-clause 20(j) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words as follows:

(j) Is a Councillor <u>that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8</u> of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

That sub-clause 10(2) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:

(2) Each representative on the State Council shall be entitled to exercise one (1) deliberative vote on any matter considered by the State Council provided that this clause shall not apply to any ex-officio members of the State Council. The President shall exercise a casting vote only, in the event of there being an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the State Council but excluding an election held in accordance with Clause 16 in which the President is entitled to a deliberative vote only.

That sub-clauses 2(1), 5(7)(a), 9(1)(d), and 31(4)(b) be amended as follows:

- That the following strikethrough words be replaced with the following underlined words in sub-clause 2(1):
- "Local Government Managers Australia" means the Western Australian Division of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA), which body is incorporated under the Victorian Companies Act 1961.
- <u>"Local Government Professionals Australia WA" means the Western Australian Division of Local Government Professionals Australia.</u>
- II. That sub-clause 5(7)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to Associate Members of WALGA be amended with the words "Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)" to be replaced with the words "Local Government Professionals Australia WA".
- III. That sub-clause 9(1)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to ex-officio members of State Council be amended to replace the words "Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)" with the words "Local Government Professionals Australia WA".
- IV That sub-clause 31(4)(b) of the Association Constitution relating to a dispute resolution panel be amended by replacing the word "LGMA" with the words "Local Government Professionals Australia WA".

Special Majority Decision Required.

Whilst the above changes to the WALGA Constitution should be supported, Member Councils might also wish to discuss the matter of State Council's size.

Currently State Council has 24 State Councillors, one State Councillor for each WALGA Zone.

At the March Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone, Cr Strange commented that the size of the State Councils should be reviewed, with so suggesting that 24 State Councillors may be too many and as such a review of membership on State Council should be undertaken.



#### **ZONE COMMENT:**

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

#### **ADDITIONAL MEETING COMMENT:**

In discussing Agenda Item 5.12 the meeting also considered the matter of membership to State Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

# RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Strange Seconded: Cr Davies

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

#### RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr O'Connell Seconded: Cr Truran

That the matter of representation on State Council be referred to Member Councils for consideration with responses to be considered at the June Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone.

#### **COMMENT**

The item is being put to Council for consideration and to provide a response back to the Zone Executive to consolidate and provide the information through to WALGA.

Currently their membership of WALGA for State Council:

Chair

WALGA President President Cr Lynne Craigie

Members

Avon-Midland Country Zone Cr Jan Court

Central Country Zone President Cr Phil Blight

Central Metropolitan Zone Cr Paul Kelly Vacant

East Metropolitan Zone Cr Brooke O'Donnell
Cr Kate Driver

Goldfields Esperance Country Zone President Cr Malcolm Cullen Gascoyne Country Zone President Cr Cheryl Cowell Great Eastern Country Zone President Cr Stephen Strange Great Southern Country Zone President Cr Keith House

Kimberley Country Zone Cr Chris Mitchell

Murchison Country Zone Cr Les Price
Cr Russ Fishwick JP

North Metropolitan Zone Cr Giovanni Italiano JP

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP (Deputy President)

Northern Country Zone President Cr Karen Chappel Peel Country Zone President Cr Michelle Rich Pilbara Country Zone President Cr Kerry White

South East Metropolitan Zone Cr Julie Brown
Cr Brian Oliver

South Metropolitan Zone Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Cr Doug Thompson
Mayor Carol Adams

South West Country Zone President Cr Tony Dean

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Local Government Professionals State President Mr Ian Cowie PSM





Country Zones (12) - Possible scenario

**Great Eastern Country Zone - Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone (1)** 

Murchison Country Zone - Gascoyne Country Zone (1)

Northern Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone (1)

Peel Country Zone -Central Country Zone (1)

Pilbara Country Zone - Kimberley Country Zone (1)

South West Country Zone - Great Southern Country Zone (1)





City Zones (5) - Possible scenario

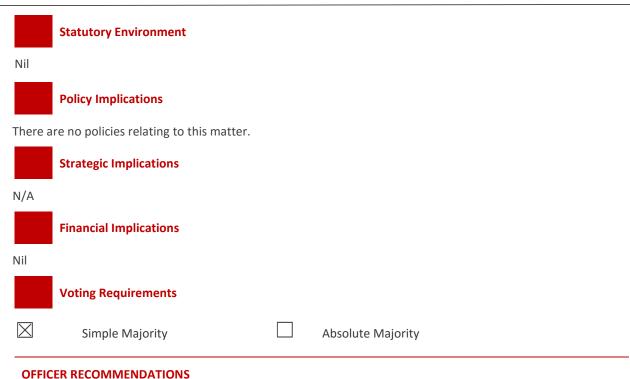
**Central Metropolitan Zone (2)** 

**South Metropolitan Zone (1)** 

East Metropolitan Zone (1)

**South East Metropolitan Zone (1)** 

North Metropolitan Zone (1)



That Council advise Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. that on review the Shire of Westonia believes a membership base of twelve (12) be sufficient based on a six (6) Country, six (6) City membership.
- 2. The nominations for the six (6) City and Country memberships be received from the individual zones from the City or Country.
- 3. The voting for the successful delegates is one voting ballot per Council within the prospective City or Country portfolios should the nominations exceed the six (6) seats available.

# **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Huxtable Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

07/06-18 That Council advise Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. that on review the Shire of Westonia believes a membership base of twelve (12) be sufficient based on a six (6) Country, six (6) City membership.
- 2. The nominations for the six (6) City and Country memberships be received from the individual zones from the City or Country with preference to the attached scenario.
- 3. The voting for the successful delegates is one voting ballot per Council within the prospective City or Country portfolios should the nominations exceed the six (6) seats available.

CARRIED 5/0

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#### 9.1.6 DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2018/2019

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Attachment

Signature: Officer CEO

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**Purpose of the Report** 

Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement



# **Background**

Over the past couple of months, Council has been working through the process of implementing a Differential Rate for Mining GRV as it has done for the past ten years or so.

In working through the process, Council has:

• Reviewed and adopted the statements in relation to Objects & Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate and Rating Information;

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- Set the proposed rates for GRV Mining & General;
- Advertised & invited public comment on the proposed rate;
- Consider any submissions;
- Seek Ministers approval to impose the new rate.

In reviewing the documentation sent to the Department of Local Government, a couple of issues were raised. It appears that the Statement of Objects and Reasons that was adopted at the April meeting makes reference to adopting a Differential Rate for Mining UV rather than Mining GRV.

Since the advertising period closed, the Valuer General has provided a new GRV roll which was though to have been provided next year. This has meant that with a slight reduction in valuation, that the advertised rate in the dollar would mean a reduction in actual rates.

Rather than starting the advertising period again from scratch the Department has suggested that Council adopt the amended Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate. It was also suggested to adopt the revised GRV Rate in the Dollar after receiving the new valuations.

Finally, while not required under the Local Government Act, the Department as suggesting as a matter of practice that Council adopt the UV rates in the dollar. The Minister needs to see evidence that the Shire has considered all sources of rates revenue and details of the budget deficiency in order to arrive at the RID being proposed in the GRV Mining category before he can approve. This will also help the Department to consider the broader context of the proposed RID including the impact on the different categories and individual ratepayers etc.



# **Community/Stakeholder Consultation**

An advertisement on the Wednesday  $2^{nd}$  May 2018 was included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district as well as being located on the public notice board at the Shire office and the Shire website. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (5.00pm  $24^{th}$  May 2018).

Troy Hancock, Department of Local Government.



#### Comment

Council supported the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2018/2019 financial year and advertised the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period closing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Council are then required to seek Ministerial approval for proposing to impose a Mining GRV differential rate that is more than twice the lowest rate.

April 18 Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

10/04-18 That Council:

- 1. Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to
  - a) Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2018-19
  - b) Statement of Rating Information 2018-19
- 2. Support the following differential rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the GRV and UV rated properties, subject to finalisation of the 2018/2019 draft budget:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	5.9533	355.00
GRV Mining	16.0175	355.00

- 3. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and
- 4. That Council publicly advertises its intention to impose differential rates, pursuant to section 6.36 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and invites public submissions for a period of twenty one days; and
- 5. That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2018/2019 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED 4/0

May 2018 Resolution

# **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Huxtable

08/05-18 That after the close of the 21-day public consultation period, which concluded on Thursday 24th May 2018 Council are advised that no submissions were received in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2018/2019 Budget deliberations and therefore seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate as per the table below.

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$	
GRV General	5.9533	355.00	
GRV Mining	16.0175	355.00	

It must be understood the purpose of this Agenda Item is to set an estimated Differential Rate so a request can be sent to the Minister after advertising and seeking submissions from the electorate. Invariable the actual rate amount set may differ from the estimate once the valuations have been received from Landgate for the next financial year. However the legislations allows these rate in dollar amounts to be adjusted to reflect the actual valuations by making notation in the Shires Adopted Budget and on the Rate Notices sent out. Such notation is to explain the reason for the difference between the advertise Differential Rate and that impose being due to valuation adjustments from Landgate.

The table below shows the revised rate categories for 2018/2019 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; for all rate categories.

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV Residential	6.8641	355.00
GRV Mining	19.5194	355.00
UV General	1.4677	355.00
UV Mining	1.4677	200.00



#### **Statutory Environment**

Under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to give local public notice of the intention of Council to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment under a differential rate category. Local public notice includes publishing in a newspaper circulating in the district, exhibiting on the notice board of the local government office, and exhibiting on the notice board of the library inviting submissions in respect of the following information, for a minimum of 21 days;

- Details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose,
- Invitation for submissions to be made in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters.



#### **Policy Implications**

There are no policies relating to this matter.



**Strategic Implications** 

N/A



# **Financial Implications**

The Shire's principle source of income is through rates. It is an essential part of the budget process that the Council consider the level of rates that need to be raised in the context of funding the annual budget. It must also be noted that as other income, such as fees and charges are fixed by external legislation, there is very little scope for the Shire to increase this revenue source to keep up with the rising costs of service provision, therefore, these increasing costs must be borne by increases in rates.

The Shire has until 31 August each year to adopt the Annual Budget, as the Shire is a growing organisation and as such we are heavily reliant on receiving rates income to fund our operations, including salaries. With this in mind, setting the level of rates for advertising and allowing the adoption of the annual budget in June, after the close of the advertising period, is a very high priority to enable rates notices to be issued. The Shire prepares its cash flow based on starting to receive rate payments in late August each year.

# That Council:

- 1 Council adopt the amended Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate.
- 2 Adopt the revised GRV (Residential/Mining) Rate in the Dollar, including minimums after receiving the new valuations.
- 3 Adopt the UV (General/Mining) Rate in the Dollar, including minimums.
- 4 Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose GRV Mining Differential Rates more than twice the lowest rate as per the table below.

Category	Rate in the Dollar (c)	Minimum Rate \$
GRV Residential	6.8641	355.00
GRV Mining	19.5194	355.00
UV General	1.4677	355.00
UV Mining	1.4677	200.00

# RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

#### 08/06-18 That Council:

- 1. Council adopt the amended Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate.
- 2. Adopt the revised GRV (Residential/Mining) Rate in the Dollar, including minimums after receiving the new valuations.
- 3. Adopt the UV (General/Mining) Rate in the Dollar, including minimums.
- 4. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose GRV Mining Differential Rates more than twice the lowest rate as per the table below.

Category	Rate in the Dollar (c)	Minimum Rate \$
GRV Residential	6.8641	355.00
GRV Mining	19.5194	355.00
UV General	1.4677	355.00
UV Mining	1.4677	200.00

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0** 

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# 9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

# 9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

NIL

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# 9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL

# 10 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

# 11 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

**RESOLUTION** Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Corsini 09/06-18 That Council allows the following four (4) items of new business of an urgent nature. CARRIED 5/0 11.1 **DRAFT BUDGET 2018/2019 Responsible Officer:** Jamie Criddle, CEO Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: File Reference: **Disclosure of Interest:** Nil **Attachments:** Attachment CEO Signature: Officer **Purpose of the Report** X **Executive Decision** Legislative Requirement **Background** 

A copy of the Draft 2018/2019 Annual Budget will be provided to Councillors prior to the meeting for review prior to considering the budget for adoption at the July ordinary meeting or a special meeting in July 2017.



Council will be required to review the Draft Budget and offer recommendations prior to its finalisation.



Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.2 – Local Government to prepare an annual budget.



Council does not have a policy in relation to this item.



Nil

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Financi	al Implications					
Budget of finance	cial income and expe	enditure for 2017/20	18 financial ye	ar.		
Voting	Requirements					
Sim	nple Majority		Absolute Maj	ority		
OFFICER RECO	MMENDATIONS					
That Council rev	view the Draft 2018/2	2019 Annual Budget	prior to consid	lering the budge	et for adoption in July.	
RESOLUTION						
Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	!	Seconded:	Cr Geier		
10/06-18	That Council review adoption in July	w the Draft 2018/20	19 Annual Bud	lget prior to cor	nsidering the budget for	
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# **Community/Stakeholder Consultation**

NRM Officer - Dylan Copeland



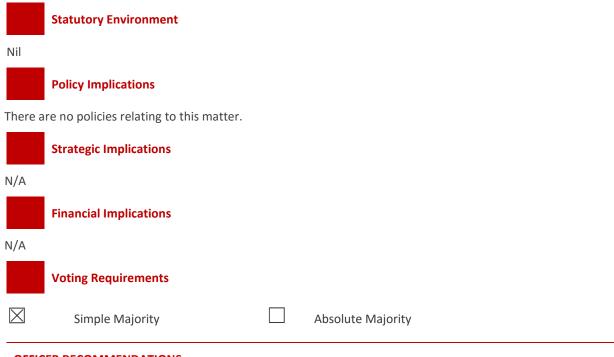
# Comment

Greening Australia is a recognised body in regard to this type of activity in a number of local government areas. The CEO is not aware of any instances where an approval of this type has been abused

This permission is granted on the following conditions:-

• All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence;

- Permission is for a twelve month period, commencing July 2018;
- Collection is by Greening Australia WA staff only;
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds;
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat;
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- Greening Australia is required to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire



# **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLUTION** 

That Council authorise Greening Australia to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions as shown in the draft letter circulated to members.

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

11/06-18 That Council authorise Greening Australia to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions as shown in the draft letter circulated to members.

CARRIED 4/1

#### 11.3 ADDITIONAL PETTY CASH – OFFICE FLOAT

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO
File Reference: A1.9.3

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments:

Signature: Officer CEO

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement



# **Background**

A request has been made via the Administration Staff to increase the current Petty Cash Float from \$620.00 to \$670.00.



#### **Comment**

The rationale behind this request revolves around the increase patronage of the Hood-Penn Museum and the change in Caretaker at the Westonia Caravan Park.

Currently the front till operates with a \$100.00 float for both Shire business and the museum change. This gets very difficult and staff often need to go to Kays office and change money, leaving the front counter unattended.

The Caravan Park also offers some challenges with the new caretaker requiring a float to issue receipts on site.

To solve the problem, the following is proposed:

	Current	Proposed
Till	\$100.00	\$100.00
Petty Cash	\$470.00	\$470.00
Caravan Park	\$ 50.00	\$100.00
	\$620.00	\$670.00



**Statutory Environment** 

Nil



**Policy Implications** 

There are no policies relating to this matter.



**Strategic Implications** 

N/A



**Financial Implications** 

Increase of \$50.00 to be allocated to the Balance Sheet

Voting Requiremen	its
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Simple Majority

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**Absolute Majority** 

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves the allocation of an additional \$50.00 to the current Petty Cash Allocation of \$670.00 to allocate \$100 to the Till, \$470 to Petty Cash and \$100 to the Caravan Park Float, totalling \$670.00.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Corsini

12/06-18 That Council approves the allocation of an additional \$50.00 to the current Petty Cash

Allocation of \$670.00 to allocate \$100 to the Till, \$470 to Petty Cash and \$100 to the Caravan

Park Float, totalling \$670.00

**CARRIED 5/0** 

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

That in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting

is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section

applied:

b) the personal affairs of any person;

CARRIED 5/0

Meeting closed to the public at 6.58pm

#### 11.4 BELINDA MCMURDO

Meeting reopened to the public at 7.04pm

# 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 19th July 2018 commencing at 3.30pm

# 13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm