



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

Special Meeting of All Council Committees

Open Portion

Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 5:17 pm

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A Special Meeting (Open Portion) held on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 5:17 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

This Special Meeting of All Council Committees is held in accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 3 April 2020 under section 18 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Zucco (Acting Chairman)
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Briscoe
Sexton
Thomas
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Ewin
Sherlock
Coats

PRESENT: Alderman M Zucco (Acting Chairman), the Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet, Aldermen J R Briscoe, Dr P T Sexton, D C Thomas, Councillor W F Harvey, Alderman S Behrakis, Councillors M Dutta, Dr Z Sherlock and W Coats.

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Ewin.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.

1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY

No Elected Members were co-opted to the Committee.

2. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Committee has resolved to deal with.

No interest was indicated.

3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the Committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

4. REPORT

Ms Fiona Dixon – Chief Financial Officer, Ms Lara MacDonell – Manager Rates, Procurement and Finance Operations of the City of Hobart and Mr Frank Barta of the Risk and Audit Panel addressed the Committee in relation to item 4.1.

4.1 Budget Estimates 2021-22 File Ref: F21/54504

THOMAS

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Director Community Life of 11 June 2021, be adopted, as amended by an additional clause to read as follows:

13. *The Fire Service Rate as stated in clause 4(ii)(b) above be further highlighted and explained on City of Hobart rates notices and accompanying communications to ratepayers as a State Government levy which local government acts as a collection agent for.*

AMENDMENT

SEXTON

An additional clause to read as follows:

14. *Council officers review the level of the current interest rate applied to unpaid rates as stated in clause 6 of the recommendation considering:*
 - (i) *Whether discounts can be provided at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (ii) *Consistency with interest applied to other unpaid fees and charges.*

The findings be reported to a future Finance and Governance Committee meeting.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Zucco	
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
Briscoe	
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AMENDMENT

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR BURNET

That clause 1 be amended to read as follows:

That: 1. The expenses, revenues, capital expenditure, and plant and equipment expenditure detailed in the document 'City of Hobart Budget Estimates 2021-22' marked as Attachment A to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021 be approved, inclusive of the following variation:

That the words '\$32.46 million in 2021-22 and includes \$5.8 million carried forward from 2020-21' be replaced with '\$36.6 million in 2021-22' after the word 'be' in the second last paragraph of page 11 of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates document.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet	
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That: 1. The expenses, revenues, capital expenditure, and plant and equipment expenditure detailed in the document '*City of Hobart Budget Estimates 2021-22*' marked as Attachment A to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021 be approved inclusive of the following variation:

That the words '*\$32.46 million in 2021-22 and includes \$5.8 million carried forward from 2020-21*' be replaced with '*\$36.6 million in 2021-22*' after the word '*be*' in the second last paragraph of page 11 of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates document.

2. New borrowings of \$5 million be approved at this time, noting that the Council has consented to the borrowing of \$15 million in 2020-21. The City has approval pending from the State Treasurer for a borrowing facility of up to \$20 million.
3. The Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to enter into loan agreements to source the above borrowings on the most favourable terms.
4. The City of Hobart Rates Resolution 2021-22 be adopted, which includes:
 - (i) The General Rate be 7.04 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value (AAV).
 - (ii) The following Service Rates be made:
 - (a) A Stormwater Removal Service Rate of 0.45 cents in the dollar of AAV; and

- (b) A Fire Service Rate of 1.23 cents in the dollar of AAV.
 - (iii) A Waste Management Service Charge be made and varied according to the use or predominant use of land as follows:
 - (a) A Service charge of \$250 to apply to residential properties; and
 - (b) A Service charge of \$500 to apply to non-residential properties.
 - (iv) A Waste Management Service Charge of \$60 be made for kerbside food organics garden organics waste collection for all rateable land within the municipal area to which Council supplies or makes available a food organics garden organics waste collection service utilising a food organics garden organics waste collection bin.
 - (v) A Landfill Rehabilitation Service Charge be made and varied according to the use or predominant use of land as follows:
 - (a) A Service charge of \$10 to apply to residential properties; and
 - (b) A Service charge of \$20 to apply to non-residential properties.
 - (vi) The rates be subject to the following remissions:
 - (a) A remission of 0.90 cents in the dollar on the AAV of any land or building which is within the Fern Tree Volunteer Brigade Rating District as defined by the State Fire Commission.
 - (b) A remission of 0.94 cents in the dollar on the AAV of any land or building which is within areas other than Permanent Brigade Rating Districts or the Fern Tree Volunteer Brigade Rating District as defined by the State Fire Commission.
5. Unspent 2020-21 capital funding be carried-forward into 2021-22, with any necessary adjustments to be made in the September 2021 quarter financial report to the Council.
 6. The interest rate on unpaid rates be 7.87 per cent per annum, charged monthly.
 7. The 2021-22 Annual Plan marked as Attachment B to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021, be adopted.

8. The Long Term Financial Management plan 2022-2042 marked as Attachment C to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021, be adopted.
9. The following delegations be approved:
 - (i) Pursuant to Section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, being the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* the power to expend monies on the Council's behalf identified as Delegation Classification 1 items in the Council's Annual Plan 2021-22 marked as Attachment B to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021.; and, the Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to delegate, pursuant Section 64 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to such employees of the Council as she considers appropriate, the power to expend monies on the Council's behalf identified as Delegation Classification 1 items in the Council's Annual Plan marked as Attachment B to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021.
 - (ii) Pursuant to Section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council delegate to all the Council Committees the power to expend monies on the Council's behalf identified as Delegation Classification 2 items in the Council's Annual Plan 2021-22 marked as Attachment B to item 4.1 of the Special Meeting of All Council Committees agenda of 16 June 2021.
10. The Council note that a mid-year review of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates and Long Term Financial Management Plan 2022-2042 will be undertaken.
11. The Council note that a review of the mechanism adopted to determine future rate increases will be undertaken during the 2021-22 financial year.
12. The Council note the observations of the Risk and Audit Panel as detailed in this report.
13. The Fire Service Rate as stated in clause 4(ii)(b) above be further highlighted and explained on City of Hobart rates notices and accompanying communications to ratepayers as a State Government levy which local government acts as a collection agent for.

14. Council officers review the level of the current interest rate applied to unpaid rates as stated in clause 6 of the recommendation considering:
- (i) Whether discounts can be provided at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (ii) Consistency with interest applied to other unpaid fees and charges.

The findings be reported to a future Finance and Governance Committee meeting.

Attachment

- A. City of Hobart 2021-22 Budget Estimates Presentation ⇒ 

Delegation: Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:19 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
5TH DAY OF JULY 2021.

CHAIRMAN