



SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA

**Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre,
TOM PRICE**

26 August 2010

SHIRE OF ASHBURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Ashburton will be held on Thursday 26 August 2010 at the Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre, Tom Price commencing at 7.30pm with a phone link to the Onslow Administration Centre, Pannawonica Library and Tom Price Council Chambers.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda.

Keith Pearson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

24 August 2010

DISCLAIMER

The recommendations contained in the Agenda are subject to confirmation by Council. The Shire of Ashburton warns that anyone who has any application lodged with Council must obtain and should only rely on written confirmation of the outcomes of the application following the Council meeting, and any conditions attaching to the decision made by the Council in respect of the application. No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Ashburton for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during a Council meeting.

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1.08.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING

2.08.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.08.0 ATTENDANCE

3.08.1 ATTENDANCE

Cr G Musgrave	Shire President, Ashburton Ward
Cr L Rumble	Deputy Shire President, Paraburdoo Ward
Cr T Bloem	Tom Price Ward
Cr L Shields	Tom Price Ward
Cr I Dias	Paraburdoo Ward
Cr K White	Onslow Ward (via phone conference, Onslow Administration Office)
Mr K Pearson	Chief Executive Officer
Mr F Ludovico	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr J Breen	Executive Manager Engineering Services
Mr L Softley	Executive Manager Community & Economic Services
Ms A O'Halloran	Executive Manager Western Operations (via phone conference Onslow Administration Office)
Mr W Male	Onslow Office (via phone conference)
Ms A West	Pannawonica Office (via phone conference)

3.08.2 APOLOGIES

Cr L Corker	Ashburton Ward
Cr L Thomas	Tableland Ward

3.08.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr S Dann	Pannawonica Ward
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4.08.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.08.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4.08.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.08.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.08.0 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

6.08.1 PETITIONS

6.08.2 DEPUTATIONS

6.08.3 PRESENTATIONS

7.08.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.08.0 DECLARATION BY MEMBERS

That Councillors have given due consideration to all matters contained in the Agenda presently before the meeting.

9.08.0 BUSINESS

9.08.02 ADOPTION OF DRAFT BUDGET 2010/11

FILE REFERENCE: FI.BU 10.11

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NAME OF APPLICANT/RESPONDENT: Not Applicable

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DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST: The author has no financial interest in this matter.

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE: Agenda Item 12.06.45 Ordinary Meeting of Council 16 June 2010.
Agenda Item 12.08.56 Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 August 2010.

Summary

The draft budget for the year ended 30 June 2011 was workshopped by Council on 4 August 2010 at the Mecure Hotel in Perth.

The statutory form of the budget has now been finalised, taking into account Council's input at the workshop. The document is now submitted to Council for formal adoption.

The draft statutory budget has been circulated under separate cover.

At the 18 August 2010 Ordinary Meeting of Council the 2010/11 Budget was not adopted by absolute majority and is now represented to Council for adoption.

Background

The draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2011 was workshopped by Council on 4 August 2010 at the Mecure Hotel in Perth (in conjunction with a Special Meeting of Council).

The statutory form of the budget has now been finalised, taking into account Council's input at the workshop. The budget document is now submitted to Council for formal adoption.

At the 18 August 2010 Ordinary Meeting of Council the 2010/11 Budget was not adopted by absolute majority and is now represented to Council for adoption.

Comment

The draft budget has now been finalised in the required, statutory form.

Included in the Budget Resulting from the Budget Workshop are:

1. Inclusion of Solar Light and Stainless Steel Table at Beadon Point.
2. Inclusion of repairs to the Tennis Courts in Paraburdoo (included in scope of Paraburdoo Town Centre Revitalisation Program)

Also in the course of completing this process the programming for the Tom Price Sporting Precinct Project was reviewed and the project was split over two financial years, \$ 4,716,300 in 2010/2011 and \$1,057,000 in 2011/2012. As discussed at the Workshop significant funding of approximately \$692,000 is still required for this project.

The final draft statutory Budget for the 2010/11 Financial Year has previously been distributed to Councillors

Consultation

Council and Councillors
Exec Management Group

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

Various other sections of the LGA and Waste Avoidance & Recovery Act 2007 deal with aspects of the budget including rating and fees and charges

Approval has been given by the Director General of Local Government (under delegated authority from the Minister for Local Government) to levy differential rates at more than twice the lowest rate.

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Policy Implications

There are no specific policy implications relative to this issue.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of the budget are based upon the objective of achieving a balanced budget at 30 June 2011 after carrying out normal operational requirements and an extensive capital program.

Strategic Implications

The budget has been prepared on the basis of achieving a near normal year of operations and an ambitious capital program while also consolidating the management and operational aspect of the Shire.

The budget has been drafted with regard to the Strategic Plan and with regard to the Principal Activity Plan.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority Required

Officers Recommendation

That the Council:

1. Differential Rate in the Dollar

In accordance with the provisions of section 6.32 of the *Local Government Act 1995* impose on all rateable property in the Shire the following differential rates:

Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Residential	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Residential Development	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Commercial Civic	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Tourism	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Community	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Industrial	8.1558 cents in the dollar
Industrial Development	8.1558 cents in the dollar

Unimproved Value (UV)

Rural/Pastoral	2.4530 cents in the dollar
Rural/Tourism	12.6076 cents in the dollar
Rural/Commercial	26.2030 cents in the dollar
Rural Industrial	26.2030 cents in the dollar
Mining Leases (Including Exploration Licence Petroleum Production Prospecting Licence UV Permits General Purpose Lease).	26.2030 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rate – All Categories - \$530.00

2. Due Date for Payment of Rates

In accordance with the provisions of section 6.45(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* offer to ratepayers the opportunity to pay rates and rubbish charges in instalments as follows:

One (1) instalment due on	11 October 2010
Two (2) instalments due on	11 October 2010 14 February 2011
Four (4) instalments due on	11 October 2010 13 December 2010 14 February 2011 14 April 2011

3. Administration Charge & Interest Rate on Instalments

In accordance with the provisions of section 6.45(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and 67 and 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) regulations 1996, impose the following charges for ratepayers electing to pay by instalments:

Administration Fee: \$10.00 per instalment

Interest Charge: 5.5% (Calculated on simple interest basis from the date of the first instalment to the due date of each subsequent instalment)

4. Interest on Overdue Rates

In accordance with the provisions of section 6.51 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and 70 and 71 of the Local Government (Financial Management) regulations 1996, impose interest on outstanding rates and charges as follows:

On outstanding rates and charges

Where no instalment election has been made: 11% (imposed from the later of when it becomes due and payable or three months from the date of issue).

On outstanding instalments of rates and Service charges: 11% (imposed from when each instalment becomes due and payable).

5. Fees & Charges

In accordance with Section 6.16(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 adopted the Schedule of Fees and Charges as per the 2010/2011 Budget document.

6. Adoption of Material Variance Level for Reporting

In Accordance with Section 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 adopt the following materiality thresholds:

Condition	Action
Actual variances to Budget up to 5% of Budget	Don't Report
Actual variances to Budget up to 10% of Budget	Use Management Discretions
Actual Variance exceeding 10% and a greater value greater than \$20,000	Must Report

Organisational Structure

In accordance with Section 5.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 amend the Organisational Structure of the Shire of Ashburton to reflect the positions funded in the 2010/2011 Budget

7. Budget Adoption

Adopt, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the budget for the year ended 30 June 2010 as presented.

ATTACHMENT 9.08.02

Author: Frank Ludovico	Signature:
Manager: Keith Pearson	Signature:

**10.08.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY
DECISION OF MEETING**

11.08.0 NEXT MEETING

12.08.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING