



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

5.00pm

Council Chambers

Kerang

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KERANG
ON TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2017 AT 5.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Brian Gibson, Cr Mark Arians, Cr Steven Tasker, Cr Jodie Basile, Cr Sonia Wright, Cr Charlie Gillingham

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Rollinson - Director Infrastructure and Development, Tom O'Reilly – Director Corporate Services, Lisa Clue – Manager Governance

Media: 1

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, and paid his respect to elders both past and present.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

A minute silence was observed to remember late former Mayor and Councillor Olly Jane OAM.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

2.1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT 2017 - 2021 COUNCIL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has developed the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. In accordance with Section 223 of the *Act*, giving a person a right to make a submission, Council must, if requested as part of that submission, provide the person with the opportunity to be heard in support of the submission.

It is recommended that Council note and consider all written and supporting verbal submissions received during the public exhibition period.

Eight written submissions have been received and of these, two have requested to be heard by Council in support of their submission.

The hearing of submissions will commence at 5.00pm with 5 minutes being allowed for each presentation. Acknowledgment letters have been sent to those submissions not wishing to address Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hear the submissions from those requesting to address Council in support of their submission lodged under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 in respect of the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan endorsed by Council on 19 April 2017.

Submissions were heard from:

Amanda Bradford and John Smith

2.2 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2017/2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has prepared a Proposed Budget in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989. In accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 giving a person a right to make a submission, Council must, if requested as part of that submission, provide the person with the opportunity to be heard in support of the submission.

67 submissions have been received, 1 submission is in respect to a charge in the 'Fees and Charges Schedule' for bulk rubbish containers adopted by Council on 19 April 2017, 1 submission concerning footpath construction in Scoresby Street, Kerang and 65 submissions have been received objecting to the increase in rates for Farm Dryland properties and the removal of the differential rating system with one of those submissions also including a question re the Kerang Lakes study.

Of the 67 Submissions, 21 have requested to be heard by Council in support of their submission. All Councillors have been provided with a complete copy of all submissions and a list of those persons wanting to be heard in support of their submission is attached.

The hearing of submissions will commence at 5.00pm with 5 minutes being allowed for each presentation. Of the 21 submitters wishing to be heard, 19 have been contacted by phone and 2 who were unable to be contacted by phone, have been notified via email.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hear the submissions from those requesting to address Council in support of their submission lodged under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 in respect of the Gannawarra Shire Council Proposed Annual Budget 2017/2018 endorsed by Council on 19 April 2017.

Submissions were heard from:

Keith den Houting, Colin Fenton, Mary Fenton, Neville Goulding, Brett Hosking, Geoff Kendell, Craige Kennedy, Janet Knight, John Knight, Bernice Lumsden, Stuart McCann, Raelene McGrath, Leanne Pola, Peter Pola, Rodger Shipp, Daniel Steer, Gerald Williamson, Noelene Smith and Graeme Mann

The Meeting closed at 6.42pm.

The Minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 28 June 2017.

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Mayor Brian Gibson

CHAIRPERSON