
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SUBMISSIONS & FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 3 JUNE 2020 SCHEDULED FOR COMMENCEMENT AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr T D Golder chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr G B McMullen, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M C Edwards, Cr J L Guthrie, Cr J M Hancock, Cr W L Ladbrook, Cr C J O'Neil, Cr W M Taylor, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance.

ATTENDANCE AS REQUIRED

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate & Community Services – Sharon Frank, Deputy Director Infrastructure Services / Strategic Road Management – Cameron Hoffmann, Operations Manager Plant, Fleet & Workshops – David Parker, Program Funding & Budget Coordinator – Cindy Irwin.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.06am.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

BUSINESS

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolved to close the meeting to discuss items C.1 – C.5, which it has deemed to be of a confidential nature and specifically pertaining to the following section:

- (c) the local government budget.

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/01

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr McMullen

That the Committee close the meeting to the public (9.07am).

CARRIED

9/0

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 9.13am, and returned at 9.15am.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
FOR LUNCH AT 1.15PM**

**SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 2.06PM**

Cr McMullen left the meeting at 3.56pm, and returned at 3.58pm.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
FOR A BRIEF RECESS AT 3.59PM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 4.04PM

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/02	
Moved Cr McMullen	Seconded Cr Birkett
That the Committee open the meeting to the public (4.28pm).	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number: C.1 **File Number:** D20/51052

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT REVENUE POLICY 2020/21

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this Revenue Policy is to set out the principles used by Council for:

- *Levying rates and charges;*
- *Granting concessions for rates and charges;*
- *The recovery of unpaid rates and charges; and*
- *Cost recovery fees and methods.*

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/03	
Moved Cr Golder	Seconded Cr Hancock
That the Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the draft document titled "Revenue Policy 2020/21". 2. Note the review of the Revenue Policy. 3. Refer the matter for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 10th June 2020. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate & Community Services
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Item Number:

C.2

File Number: D20/51402

SUBJECT HEADING:

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ABOUT RATING

Officer's Title:

Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report was for the new term of Councillors to consider the approach for setting rates and charges.

Preliminary rates and charges modelling for 2020/21 financial year has been completed using the same rates and charges set for the 2019/20 financial year – i.e. 'rates freeze' for all categories.

The Mayor and Councillors considered what work they would like to be undertaken or additional information to be provided.

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/04

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr Guthrie

That the Committee recommend the following actions:

1. Three (3) differential general rating scenarios as discussed be modelled for the 2020/21 budget.
2. Investigation of options for incentives for water storage, footpath mowing and economic development.
3. Investigations into a new differential rating category for employer sponsored accommodation.
4. Preparation of benchmarked data for differential general rates.
5. Investigation of Councils that use volumetric charging for sewerage (Commercial pedestal charges).

[Cr O'Neil proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:]

That Council include in the resolution what each of the scenarios are in relation to point one (1) of the resolution.

[The Mayor (Mover) and Cr Guthrie (Seconder) indicated they were happy to accept the amendment put forward by Cr O'Neil]

The amended motion as follows, was then voted on:

That the Committee recommend the following actions:

1. Three (3) differential general rating scenarios as discussed be modelled for the 2020/21, as follows:

Scenario 1

- a) Residential categories 1 - 4 - down 25%;
- b) Large Homesites/rural residential categories 5 - 8 – 0% cap rates freeze;
- c) Commercial and industrial – down similar to modelling Mayor's proposed scenario 2019/20 financial year – reduction;
- d) Extractive categories – 0% cap rates freeze;

- e) Workers/accommodation camps – increase differential between Mayor’s and committee’s [Budget Submissions & Financial Planning Standing Committee] last year [2019/20];
- f) Petroleum leases/gas & oil categories – increase differential between Mayor’s and committee’s [Budget Submissions & Financial Planning Standing Committee] last year [2019/20];
- g) Rural/intensive animal industry categories – 0% cap rates freeze.

Scenario 2

True rates freeze – all categories capped at 0%.

Scenario 3

All categories – based on Cost Index for Queensland Councils – 1.88%.

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CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate & Community Services
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Item Number: C.3 **File Number:** D20/51436

SUBJECT HEADING: BUDGET PARAMETERS 2020/21

Officer’s Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The report tabled for discussion, Budget parameters. These provide a framework to commence preparing the annual budget.

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/05

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That a draft ‘business as usual’ operating budget be prepared for the next committee meeting.

[This is the Budget Submissions & Financial Planning Standing Committee]

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate & Community Services
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Item Number: C.4 **File Number:** D20/51257

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT PLANT INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2020/21

Officer's Title: Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops

Executive Summary:

This report provided an overview (by way of presentation) of the adopted 2019/20 Plant Investment Program, including background information on the team's priorities for disposal, replacement, and purchases.

A proposed Plant Investment Program has now been developed for internal consultation as part of the 2020/21 financial year budget preparations.

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/06	
Moved Cr Golder	Seconded Cr McMullen
That the Committee endorse for consultation to occur with our teams for the proposed Plant Investment Program for 2020/21 budget.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops
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Item Number: C.5 **File Number:** D20/51493

SUBJECT HEADING: PROJECT ALLOCATION TO WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) ADDITIONAL COVID-19 PAYMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY DROUGHT ASSIST PAYMENT UNDER THE ROADS TO RECOVERY (R2R) PROGRAM

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Both the Australian Government and the State Government have announced stimulus packages for local governments in the wake of the drought, and more recently, the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This report presented Council with an overview of these packages, and a suite of projects for Council to consider nominating to receive funding. The funding is provided on a non-contestable basis, so the funding allocation is set, with the projects only needing to align with the applicable eligibility criteria of each program.

Resolution No. BUD/06.2020/07	
Moved Cr McMullen	Seconded Cr Golder
The matter be referred to the Special Meeting on the 3rd of June 2020.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Program Funding & Budget Coordinator
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CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.36pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 June 2020, at the Roma Administration Centre.

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Mayor.

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Date.