

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SUBMISSIONS & FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ERNEST BROCK ROOM (ROMA CULTURAL CENTRE) ON 1 JULY 2020 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE 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 – Brittany Lafrenais in 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, Manager Water, Sewerage & Gas – Graham Sweetlove, Program Funding & Budget Coordinator – Cindy Irwin, Manager Environment, Health, Waste & Rural Land Services – Kay Crosby, Manager Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell) – Ben Stewart, Manager Saleyards – Paul Klar and Manager Planning & Building Development – Danielle Pearn.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.07am.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Taylor

Item	Subject Heading
C.3	Water Access & Usage Charges for Sporting
	Groups

Cr Taylor advised:

I, Councillor Wendy Taylor declare that [I have a] 'Conflict of Interest,' as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D and 175E for the agenda Item C.3 with the subject heading Water Access & Usage Charges for Sporting Groups as I am the Treasurer of the Roma Clay Target Club. I will be dealing with this matter by leaving the room while this matter is being discussed and voted on.

Cr Guthrie

Item	Subject Heading
C.12	Waiving Development Infrastructure Charges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Cr Guthrie advised:

I, Councillor Julie Guthrie declare that [I have a] 'Possible Material Personal Interest,' as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175B for the agenda Item C.12 with the subject heading Waiving Development Infrastructure charges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's in relation to myself because I am contemplating an extension to my dwelling at Baroona, Injune.



The Mayor enquired as to how Cr Guthrie would be dealing with the matter.

Cr Guthrie advised that "In accordance with section 175C (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I will leave the room while this matter is being discussed and voted on".

Cr Edwards

Item	Subject Heading
C.5	Draft 2020/21 Fund Budget Submission - Airports

Cr Edwards advised:

I, Councillor Mark Edwards declare that [I have a] 'Perceived Conflict of Interest,' as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D & 175E for the agenda Item C.5 with the subject heading Draft 2020/21 Fund Budget Submission - Airports as I am a past member of the Roma Aero Club Inc. Whilst I no longer own a plane, I remain friends with members of the club.

Cr Edwards declared that he had determined that: this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and voting on the matter.

However, I acknowledge that the remaining councillors must now determine pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009:

- (a) Whether I have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether:
 - I. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
 - II. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

Cr Edwards stated he is aware that fees for the membership for the Roma Aero Club are due on the 1 July 2020 so therefore that's why he is stating he is no longer a member anymore and his membership expired on 30 June 2020.

Mayor Golder asked if anyone would like to move on this matter when Cr O'Neil asked Cr Edwards a question to seek clarification if therefore his role as treasurer of that club ceased to exist yesterday.

Cr Edwards responded that he wasn't on the Executive but was just a member. Cr O'Neil stated that he thought Cr Edwards was. Cr Edwards clarified that he was a past treasurer but was just a member or was a member up until the 30 June 2020.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/01

Moved Cr Ladbrook

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Cr Edwards does not have either a real 'Conflict of Interest' or a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in the matter and is accordingly free to participate in the meeting while this matter is discussed, including by voting on the matter.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr Edwards did not vote on this motion as he was the declaring Councillor under consideration in this matter.



CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (discussed in closed session)

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

- (c) the local government budget;
- (d) rating concessions;

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/02

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That the meeting move into committee [close the meeting to the public] (9.14am).

CARRIED 9/0

Cr Edwards left the room at 9.49am and returned at 9.51am

Cr Taylor, having previously foreshadowed a 'Conflict of Interest in Item C.3, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 9.50am, taking no part in discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Taylor returned to the meeting at 10.24am.

Cr Guthrie, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest in Item C.12, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 2.55pm, taking no part in discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Guthrie returned to the meeting at 3.22pm.

Cr Birkett left the meeting at 10.36am and returned at 10.39am.

Cr Ladbrook left the meeting at 10.37am and returned at 10.39am.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR MORNING TEA AT 10.52AM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 11.27AM

The Deputy Mayor took the role of Acting Chair in the Mayor's absence.

Mayor Golder returned to the meeting at 11.32am.

Cr Birkett left the meeting at 12.25pm, and returned at 12.26pm.

Cr Ladbrook left the meeting at 12.34pm, and returned at 12.36pm.

Cr McMullen left the meeting at 12.51pm, and returned at 12.53pm.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 1.02pm, and returned at 1.04pm.



COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING

FOR LUNCH AT 1.03PM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERSCOUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 2.04PM

The meeting resumed at 2.04pm in the absence of Cr. O'Neil

Cr Hancock left the meeting at 2.06pm, and returned at 2.13pm.

Cr O'Neil returned to the meeting at 2.07pm.

Mayor Golder left the meeting at 4.13pm, and asked for the Deputy Mayor to take the chair in his absence.

Mayor Golder returned to the meeting at 4.15pm.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 5.06pm, and returned at 5.08pm

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/03

Moved Cr O'Neil Seconded Cr Birkett

That the meeting move out of committee [closed session] (5.10pm).

CARRIED 9/0

Item Number: C.1 File Number: D20/59113

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT 2020-21 FUND BUDGET SUBMISSION - GAS

NETWORK

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

The service provided by Gas Network Operations is the provision of a safe and reliable gas supply to the Roma community. Council as the holder of the Distribution and Retail Authorities for Gas Reticulation in Roma, is required by the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 to operate the gas network in a way that effectively manages the risks.

The Gas Network fund budget submission for 2020/21 was tabled for the Committee's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/04

Moved Cr O'Neil Seconded Cr Taylor

That the Committee recommend:

1. The inclusion of the Gas Network fund budget submission in the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.



2. That a report be brought back to Council with information regarding current residential, industrial and commercial usage and extra tariff options.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Item Number: C.2 File Number: D20/60517

SUBJECT HEADING: GAS RECONNECTION FEE

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting held on 17 and 23 June 2020, Council requested a review be undertaken of the actual cost of reconnecting gas and what's involved.

This report provided a breakdown of the costs and a recommendation on this fee.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/05

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr McMullen

That the Committee:

- 1. Recommend the amendment of the Gas Reconnection Fee to \$132.70 (GST Exempt) in the General Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges as part of the budget deliberations for 2020/21.
- 2. Look at other options for attracting residents interested in connecting to Roma's gas network.

[Mayor Golder amended the wording from his original motion after discussion with Councillors].

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Cr Taylor, having previously foreshadowed a 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 5.27pm, taking no part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: C.3 File Number: D20/60774

SUBJECT HEADING: WATER ACCESS & USAGE CHARGES FOR SPORTING

GROUPS

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting held on 17 and 23 June 2020, Council requested a report on the water access and usage charges for sporting groups, incorporating those on privately owned land.

This report provided some details on this matter.



Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/06

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Golder

That the Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of the report.
- 2. Request a report be brought back to Council in relation to utilising the bore in Roma (at the refuse facility) to support sporting clubs.
- 3. Request that the Community organisations rates and charges rebates and concessions policy be updated to include water usage concessions for sporting groups.
- 4. Develop an 'attractive communities' policy.

[Cr McMullen amended the wording from his original motion after discussion with Councillors].

CARRIED 8/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr Taylor returned to the meeting at 5.29pm.

Item Number: C.4 File Number: D20/60209

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA AIRPORT CAR PARK OPERATIONS

Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Executive Summary:

At its Budget Meeting on 17 June, 2020, Council resolved that additional information regarding the car park operations at Roma Airport be provided at future meeting. This report served to address this request and provide supplementary information for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/07

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Officer's report as presented.
- 2. Investigate options for parking fee relief for residents using a car park management system.

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat,
	Mitchell)



Item Number: C.5 File Number: D20/59672

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT 2020-21 FUND BUDGET SUBMISSION - AIRPORTS

Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Council operates 4 aerodromes in Roma, Injune, Surat and Mitchell which require considerable operational control and management to adhere to the requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Act/Regulations and Aviation Transport Security Act/Regulations amongst other legislation.

The Airports draft budget submission for 2020/21 was tabled for the Committee's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/08

Moved Cr Birkett

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That the Committee recommend the inclusion of the Airports fund budget submission, including the three (3) proposed projects outlined in the report, in the next draft 2020/21 budget.

[Cr Birkett amended the wording from his original motion after discussion with Councillors].

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat,
	Mitchell)

Item Number: C.6 File Number: D20/60699

SUBJECT HEADING: INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL WASTE SERVICE

COLLECTION IMPLICATIONS - ROMA

Officer's Title: Manager - Environment, Health, Waste & Rural Land

Services

Executive Summary:

The report provided waste charges implications should Council decide to remove the wheelie bin service charge from all industrial and commercial rateable land within the township of Roma.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/09

Moved Cr Taylor

Seconded Cr Ladbrook

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Officer's report as presented.
- 2. Investigate options for commercial and industrial customers (Roma) to opt out of waste collection charges where they have a third party industrial service.

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environment, Health, Waste &
	Rural Land Services



Item Number: C.7 File Number: D20/60611

SUBJECT HEADING: GREASE TRAP HOLDING TANK - ROMA

Officer's Title: Manager - Environment, Health, Waste & Rural Land

Services

Executive Summary:

The report pertained to the potential installation (possible fee for use) of a holding tank at the Roma and Mitchell refuse facilities for grease trap waste, having regard to the number of grease traps within the towns and potential volumes.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/10

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr Ladbrook

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the Officer's report as presented.

2. Request a report be brought back to Council after industry consultation with operational costs.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environment, Health, Waste &
	Rural Land Services

Item Number: C.8 File Number: D20/59674

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT 2020-21 BUDGET SUBMISSION - WASTE

Officer's Title: Manager - Environment, Health, Waste & Rural Land

Services / Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

The Waste function is the management of waste with the collection, receival, reuse and disposal of waste generated by households, businesses and industry.

Waste disposal facilities are located in Injune, Mitchell, Roma, Surat, Wallumbilla and Yuleba and Waste transfer stations are located at Amby, Jackson, Muckadilla and Mungallala. Industrial bins are located at Dunkeld and Begonia.

The Waste budget submission for 2020/21 was tabled for the Committee's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/11

Moved Cr Edwards Seconded Cr Birkett

That the Committee recommend:

- 1. The inclusion of the Waste budget submission, including the three (3) identified projects, in the next draft 2020/21 budget.
- The resourcing considerations be referred to the organisational structure discussions.

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environment, Health, Waste &
	Rural Land Services



Item Number: C.9 File Number: D20/61508

SUBJECT HEADING: DRAFT 2020-21 FUND BUDGET SUBMISSION -

SALEYARDS

Officer's Title: Manager - Saleyards /

Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Council operates and maintains the Roma Saleyards aiming to maintain and leverage its position as Australia's largest selling centre to attract additional interest in our region and boost the local economy.

The Roma Saleyards provides an accredited centre for store, prime, stud, bull and special sales and private weighing and scanning and spelling services.

The Saleyards fund budget submission for 2020-21 was tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/12

Moved Cr Guthrie

Seconded Cr McMullen

That the Committee recommend the inclusion of the Saleyards fund budget submission including the two (2) projects in the next draft of the 2020/21 budget.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Saleyards

Item Number: C.10 File Number: D20/59648

SUBJECT HEADING: FEES AND CHARGES - HIRE OF ROOM DIVIDERS AND

FEE WAIVERS FOR FUNERALS AND WAKES

Officer's Title: Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Meeting held on 17 June 2020, it was resolved that a report be presented to Council in relation to the budget impacts of a potential fee waiver for funerals and wakes, and inclusion of a fee to hire the freestanding room dividers located in the Roma Auditorium.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/13

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr Birkett

That the committee recommend the inclusion of the following fees and waivers in the draft 2020/21 Register of Fees and Charges:

- 1. Allow the use of the Surat Shire Hall, Wallumbilla Hall, Yuleba Hall, Mitchell Hall, Amby Hall, Mungallala Hall and Injune Hall, and any associated audio-visual equipment, and waive the fees for the purpose of conducting funeral services and wakes.
- 2. A hire fee and bond for the off-site use of partitions /dividers housed in the Roma Auditorium:
 - o Hire Fee \$10 per partition/divider;
 - o Bond \$20 per partition;



o The hirer would be responsible for collection and return of the hired partitions from the venue.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Item Number: C.11 File Number: D20/61546

SUBJECT HEADING: PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE

2020-21 BUDGET

Officer's Title: Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Project proposals have been prepared for consideration in the 2020-21 budget deliberations.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/14

Moved Cr Hancock Seconded Cr Edwards

That the Committee note and receive the report.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Program Funding & Budget Coordinator

Cr Guthrie, having previously foreshadowed a 'Material Personal Interest' in the following item, for reasons stated under the Section 'COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,' left the meeting at 5.36pm, taking no part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: C.12 File Number: D20/58872

SUBJECT HEADING: WAIVING DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Officer's Title: Manager - Planning & Building Development

Executive Summary:

At the Ordinary Meeting on 13 May 2020 Council resolved to consider waiving infrastructure charges in its 2020/21 operating budget deliberations and as part of its overall response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This report provided information regarding the legislative parameters and mechanisms for granting concessions on infrastructure charges for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/15

Moved Cr McMullen Seconded Cr Edwards

That the committee recommend a *Development Infrastructure Charges (COVID-19 Stimulus)*Concessions Policy be prepared and brought to a future meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

Responsible Officer Manager - Planning & Building Development



At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr Guthrie returned to the meeting at 5.39pm.

Item Number: C.13 File Number: D20/61506

SUBJECT HEADING: RATES AND CHARGES REBATE AND CONCESSION

POLICY

Officer's Title: Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer / Systems

Administrator

Manager - Communication, Information & Administration

Services

Executive Summary:

Tabling a draft Rates and Charges Rebate and Concession Policy for Council's consideration, incorporating:

- Community Organisations, Not-For-Profit and Charitable Organisations Concessions;
- Pensioner Rate Concessions; and
- Hardship Concessions.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/16

Moved Cr O'Neil Seconded Cr Edwards

That the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the draft Rates and Charges Rebate and Concession Policy 2020/21.
- 2. The policy inform the next stage of the budget preparations.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer /
	Systems Administrator

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 5.06pm and returned at 5.08pm

Item Number: C.14 File Number: D20/61509

SUBJECT HEADING: CATEGORY 39 - RURAL DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL

RATES MODELLING

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

The Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee has requested modelling of the differential rating Category 39 – Rural. This report provided the results of modelling.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/17

Moved Cr Hancock Seconded Cr Taylor

That the information be received and noted.

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate & Community Services



Item Number: C.15 File Number: D20/61507

SUBJECT HEADING: RATES MODELLING - 2020/21 BUDGET

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate & Community Services

Executive Summary:

At the Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting of 17 June 2020, the committee requested additional differential general rates modelling be undertaken and Scenario 1 be updated.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/18

Moved Cr Golder Seconded Cr McMullen

That the revenue generated from the various scenarios be compared against the business as usual operating expenses and be brought back to the next Budget Submissions and Financial [Planning] Standing Committee meeting.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer Director - Corporate & Community Services

Item Number: C.16 File Number: D20/61654

SUBJECT HEADING: DETAILS OF ACCOMMODATION WORK CAMP AND

PETROLEUM LEASE CATEGORIES

Officer's Title: Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer / Systems

Administrator

Executive Summary:

The Budget Submissions and Financial Planning Standing Committee had requested details of accommodation work camp and petroleum lease categories.

Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/19

Moved Cr Birkett Seconded Cr Taylor

That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED 9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer /
	Systems Administrator

Mayor Golder asked the Councillors if there was any further business with Cr O'Neil moving two additional motions as follows.



SUBJECT HEADING:	BUDGET SUBMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULING	
Councillor's Title:	Cr. Cameron O'Neil	
Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/20		
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Golder	
That we hold a Budget Submission Tuesday 7 July 2020, starting at 3.	ns and Financial Planning Standing Committee meeting on .00pm.	
[Wording amended by Cr O'Neil from his original motion following a suggestion from the Mayor that the meeting be held in the afternoon, and following further discussion, Cr O'Neil proposed a later time of 3pm, rather than the initially proposed 9am.]		
CARRIED	9/0	
CARRIED	9/0	
Responsible Officer	Director Corporate & Community Services / Lead Rates and Utilities Billing Officer - Systems Administrator / Lead Officer - Elected Members & Community Engagement	
SUBJECT HEADING:	INDICATIVE DATE FOR ADOPTION OF 2020/21 BUDGET	
Councillor's Title:	Cr. Cameron O'Neil	
Resolution No. BUD/07.2020/21		
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Taylor	
That we provide the indicative daday to adopt the annual budget.	ate only of the 29/7/2020 (Wednesday, 29 July 2020) as the	
CARRIED	9/0	
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer /Lead Officer – Elected Members & Community Engagement	
CLOSURE		
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There being no further business, the declared the meeting closed at 5.45p	e Mayor thanked Council [Committee] for their attendance and om.	
These Minutes are to be confirmed 8 July 2020, at the Ernest Brock R	d at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on oom (Roma Cultural Centre).	
Mayor.	Date.	