



Council Minutes



Date: 22 June 2022

Time: 6:05 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

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Present

Councillors

Cr Christine Weller - Mayor
Cr Robert Amos
Cr Colleen Gates
Cr Paul Jarman
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Leanne Pentreath
Cr Adrian Weston
Cr John Zobec

Officers

Tim Tamlin - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Fleur Cousins - General Manager Corporate
Paul McKenzie - General Manager Development
Keith Oberin - General Manager Community
Mark Dibsdale - Acting General Manager Infrastructure
Darryl Hancock - Manager Governance
Rebecca Jones - Governance Officer
Annette Waters - Governance Officer

1 Apologies

Cr Marwood noted due to a leave of absence.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with Section 130(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council meeting.

Cr Jarman declared a direct conflict of interest in Item 3.2.

Tim Tamlin declared a personal conflict of interest in Items 4.1 and 4.2.

3 Council Decisions

3.1 Consideration of Budget for adoption

Author	Department	Manager	General Manager
Manager Finance	Finance	Manager Finance	General Manager Corporate

This report presents to Council the Budget for the financial year 2022-23 and the following three financial years. It is recommended that Council adopt the budget as presented.

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy the Proposed Budget 2022-23 was made available for public comment, eighteen submissions were received and considered by Council. There have been changes made to the document that was made available for public comment, these changes are detailed in the recommendation.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2022-23 Budget provided in Attachment 3.1.1, noting that it is the Proposed 2022-23 budget endorsed and released for public comment by Council on the 20 April 2022, inclusive of the following amendments;**
 - a) Updated the Rates tables 5.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (h), (j) and (k) after receiving certification of the 2022 general property valuation from the Victorian Valuer General. This has resulted**

in a reduction in the rate in the dollar from what was published in the proposed budget document.

- b) Updated the rates revenue having identified an error impacting the annualisation of supplementary rates. This has reduced the revenue to be raised from rates by \$2.82 million.
 - c) Updated the amount budgeted for Financial Assistance Grants to reflect the recent advice received from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, increasing the amount budgeted by \$350,000.
 - d) Updated the document to correct minor spelling, grammar and formatting errors.
 - e) Updated the fees and charges to include the fees adopted by Council for the Aerodrome.
 - f) Updated the statutory fees and charges to reflect the State Government gazetted fee unit and penalty fee unit.
 - g) Added the fees and charges applicable to moorings at the Port of Echuca.
 - h) Reduced the Over 55's membership fee for the Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre (EWMAC) to \$30.00, from the \$34.00 published in the Proposed 2022-23 Budget.
2. Note the operating surplus of \$1.64 million has decreased to a deficit of \$0.83 million as a result of the changes to the 2022-23 budget referred to in Point 1 and the adjusted underlying deficit has increased by \$2.47 million to \$4.10 million.
 3. Declare the Rates, Municipal Charge and Annual Service Charges for the 2022-23 financial year as set out within the 2022-23 Budget document on pages 41-44.
 4. Declare the Fees and Charges for the 2022-23 financial year, contained as Appendix A within the 2022-23 Budget document (Attachment 3.1.1).
 5. Note the submissions received in response to the Proposed Budget 2022-23, thank the submitters and provide a written response notifying submitters of the outcome of their submission considered by Council, as outlined in Attachment 3.1.2.

CARRIED

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest at Item 3.2 and left the meeting at 6:19pm.

3.2 Endorsement of Echuca Paddlesteamer and Port of Echuca fees and charges

Author	Department	Manager	General Manager
Manager Finance	Finance	Manager Finance	General Manager Corporate

This report presents to Council the Fees and Charges for Echuca Paddlesteamers and the Port of Echuca for the 2022-23 financial year. It is recommended that Council adopt the fees and charges, appended as Attachment 3.2.1 and incorporate them into the Adopted 2022-23 Budget document.

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Gates

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2022-23 Fees and Charges for Echuca Paddlesteamers and Port of Echuca.
2. Authorise the CEO to incorporate the 2022-23 Fees and Charges for Echuca Paddlesteamers and Port of Echuca into the Adopted 2022-23 Budget for the purpose of public display.

CARRIED

Cr Jarman re-entered the meeting at 6:21pm.

4 Confidential Business

Closure of Public Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Cr Gates

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), the meeting will now be closed to members of the public in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Act to enable consideration to be given to items that contain confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act as follows:

4.1 Interim CEO Key Performance Indicators

Pursuant to 66(5) and 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

4.2 CEO Recruitment

Pursuant to 66(5) and 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

CARRIED

The Council Meeting was closed to the public at 6:21pm.

Resumption of Public Meeting

The Council Meeting reopened to the public at 7:32pm

5 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:32pm.

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CR CHRISTINE WELLER

MAYOR