



Council Minutes



Date: 04 June 2024
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Echuca Civic Centre

Photo Left to Right: Cr Tony Marwood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Colleen Gates, Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Rob Amos (Mayor), Cr Leanne Pentreath, Cr Chrissy Weller, Cr Adrian Weston and Cr John Zobec.

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Minutes of the open section of the Campaspe Shire Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2024, commencing at 4:00 pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

Present

Councillors

Cr Robert Amos – Mayor
Cr Colleen Gates
Cr Paul Jarman
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Anthony Marwood
Cr Leanne Pentreath
Cr Chrissy Weller
Cr Adrian Weston
Cr John Zobec

In Attendance

Officers

Pauline Gordon - Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McPherson- Director Corporate
Jo Bradshaw - Director Communities
Kate Lemon - Director Infrastructure
Shannon Maynard - Director Community Safety & Recovery
Michael Sharp - Director Sustainability
Annette Waters – Business Support Officer – Office of the CEO

1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

1.1 Apologies

Nil.

1.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

2 Disclosure of Conflicts 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 Weston declared a general conflict of interest in item 4.1.1.2 due to being a Director of the Gargaroo Botanic Gardens Board.

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in items 4.1.1.5, 4.1.1.6, and 4.1.1.7 due to owning and operating businesses in Port of Echuca.

3 Changes to the Order of Business

Nil.

4 Council Decisions

4.1 Corporate

4.1.1 Budget Adoption

Directorate:	Corporate
Responsible Officer:	Manager Finance and Investment
Manager:	Manager Finance and Investment
Attachments:	1. Draft Budget 2024-2025 [4.1.1.1 - 91 pages]

The purpose of this report is to present for adoption the Council Budget 2024-25 (Budget), including the setting of the rates and fees and charges.

In accordance with Governance Rule 2.5.17(a), the Motion is separated into parts where each part is spoken to/debated then voted on separately.

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That Council:

- 1. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 has been prepared following consultation conducted in accordance with its community engagement policy.**

CARRIED

Cr Weston declared a conflict in item 4.1.2 and left the Council Chamber at 4:10pm.

Moved by Cr Weller

Seconded by Cr Gates

That Council:

- 2. Adopt the 2024/25 Community Projects \$500,000 allocation, with projects as listed on pages 14-16 of the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**

CARRIED

Cr Weston returned to the Council Chamber at 4:16pm

Moved by Cr Gates

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council:

- 3. Note that the current Council Plan 2021-2025 was used to develop the Council Budget 2024-25.**
- 4. Adopt the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report, noting any changes required based on the resolution to the above motions, as its budget for the 2024/2025 financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years.**

CARRIED

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in items 4.1.1.5, 4.1.1.6, 4.1.1.7 and left the Council Chamber at 4:22pm.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Marwood

That Council:

- 5. Note the 2024/25 fees and charges adopted at its April 2024 ordinary meeting have been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 6. Note that no community submissions were received in relation to the recently re-advertised Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges which have also been included in the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**
- 7. Adopt both the Aerodrome Fees for the 2024/25 fees and charges listed in the Budget on pages 71 and the statutory fees and charges which have been updated to reflect the State Government gazetted fee unit and penalty fee unit as listed on pages 85 through to 89 of the Council Budget 2024-25 attached to this report.**

CARRIED

Cr Jarman returned to the Council Chamber at 4:29pm

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Pentreath

That Council:

- 8. Note that the Council Budget 2024-25 utilises valuations from the Valuer-General as of 1 January 2024.**
- 9. Declares an amount of \$51.068 million which Council intends to raise through General Rates and Annual Service Charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.**
- 10. Declare rates and charges as required under section 94(2)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 161(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as per section 4.1.1 on pages 50-57 of the Budget document, which is set as per Council's current Revenue and Rating Plan.**
- 11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50.**
- 12. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to effect any administrative and wording changes to the Council Budget 2024-25 which may be required.**

Moved by Cr Mackell

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That standing orders be suspended.

CARRIED

Standing orders were suspended at 4:38pm.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That standing orders be resumed

CARRIED

Standing orders resumed at 4:44pm

Cr Weston proposed an amendment to the motion:

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 - General land to be set as 100% of the general rate in the dollar**
 - Rural farmland to be set as 75% of the general rate in the dollar**
 - Commercial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
 - Industrial land to be set as 116% of the general rate in the dollar**
 - Cultural and recreation land to be set as 50% of the general rate in the dollar**

And authorise the CEO to make appropriate updates to reflect this change throughout the budget document.
- 11. Declare a Municipal Charge in respect of the 2024/25 financial year of \$205.50.**
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The proposed amendment was not agreed to by Mover Cr Jarman.

The amendment was Moved by Cr Weston and Seconded by Cr Zobec.

AMENDED MOTION

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Zobec

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The Motion was put to the vote and the motion was LOST.

Cr Jarman called for a Division.

Those in favour of the motion: Cr Weston, Cr Zobec, Cr Gates and Cr Weller.

Those against the motion: Cr Jarman, Cr Mackrell, Cr Pentreath, Cr Marwood and Cr Amos.

Cr Weller proposed an amendment to replace “75%” with “80%”.

As per Governance Rule 2.5.13 (4), the proposed amendment was allowed by the original Mover to the motion, Cr Jarman and Seconder, Cr Pentreath.

The amendment was Moved by Cr Jarman and Seconded by Cr Pentreath.

The amended motion became the substantive motion.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

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CARRIED

Cr Mackrell called for a Division.

Those in favour of the motion: Cr Amos, Cr Pentreath, Cr Jarman, Cr Weller, Cr Gates and Cr Marwood

Those against the motion: Cr Mackrell, Cr Zobec and Cr Weston.

4.2 Sustainability

4.2.1 Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy - Draft for public comment

Directorate:	Sustainability
Responsible Officer:	Manager Economy and Business Manager Tourism Arts and Culture
Manager:	Director Sustainability
Attachments:	To be provided under separate cover

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft the Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (CEDTS) to make it available for public comment for 3 weeks after which the final report incorporating public feedback will be presented to Council for its consideration in July 2024.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council

- 1. Endorse the Campaspe Economic and Tourism Strategy as a draft report.**
- 2. Makes this report public and seeks feedback on the draft for a three-week period.**
- 3. Note that feedback received to the draft report will be considered as part development of the final report which is be presented to Council for its consideration at the upcoming Council meeting in July 2024.**

CARRIED

5 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 5:35PM.

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CR ROBERT AMOS
MAYOR