

Coorong District Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 4 June 2019



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Coorong Civic Centre Chambers, Tailem Bend on Tuesday 4 June 2019 commencing at 6:02pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr. PE Simmons, Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Arthur, Councillors SU Bland, TF Hill, NR Jaensch, BD Qualmann, LF Rowntree & GA Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: D Mosel (Acting Chief Executive Officer), N Traeger (Director Community & Corporate), J Thompson (Finance Manager), C Garrett (finance consultant) and A Crossman (minute taker).

APOLOGIES: Councillor VA Leng.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present, read the civic prayer and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we meet.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT 2019-20 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

As all members of the gallery present had been present at a prior community information sessions for the draft 2019-20 Annual Business Plan & Budget, the Mayor stated that a rates modeling overview would instead be presented to the meeting.

The Mayor invited any questions from the gallery or Council, before moving on to the rates modeling presentation. No questions were received.

Director Community & Corporate introduced finance consultant Corinne Garrett, who presented an overview of Council's rates modeling.

Questions were invited from the gallery in regards to the presentation:

- *Mr Bruce Pennington commented on Wellington East's capital value increasing by 12 per cent.*
- *General discussion occurred regarding rating by capital value as opposed to rating by site value.*

156/19 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO THE 2019-20 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council formally receive the four (4) written submissions attached the agenda report in relation to the draft 2019-20 Annual Business Plan & Budget, and three (3) further written submissions tabled at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor asked Council Members whether they wished to alter the draft 2019-20 Annual Business Plan and Budget based on the written submissions received.

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Cr. Arthur requested that responses be given to questions that were raised at the community information sessions which were taken on notice at those sessions, including:

- *Cost of Community Wastewater Management Scheme last year. Finance consultant provided a response.*
- *Request for grants to be taken out of the income statement. Finance consultant responded that this cannot be done, as Council must adhere to statutory Accounting Standards which require the income statement to be set out as presented.*

VERBAL SUBMISSIONS

Members of the public gallery were given the opportunity to make a verbal submission to Council in relation to the draft 2019-20 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Name: Bruce Pennington

Mr Pennington noted his concern regarding the financial status of the Council, referencing his research and data as provided to Council Members on 4 June 2019.

Cr. Rowntree thanked Mr Pennington for submitting his document to Council Members. Cr. Taylor concurred.

Name: Stephen Paech

Mr Paech referred to page 29 of the Annual Business Plan, and commented on the two lines for Employee Expenses and Material/Contractual/Other. Mr Paech asked why these lines cannot be broken down further.

Finance consultant advised the statement within the Annual Business Plan is set out as required under legislation, and that further breakdowns are available in Council's Annual Report and Coorong Finance Committee reports.

Cr. Rowntree requested clarification for Contractors as listed. Finance consultant provided a response.

Cr. Qualmann thanked Mr Paech for his questions, and commented on the complexities of the budget process.

Cr. Bland suggested that if Mr Paech had further questions after reviewing the Annual Report, he might consider making an appointment with the finance team to review information in further detail.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

157/19 Moved Cr. Hill, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council acknowledges all persons providing a verbal submission and thank them for their interest.

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MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

158/19 Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that the Acting Chief Executive Officer investigate costs to upgrade power and lighting in the Meningie Lions Park, per the written submissions received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:10pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT..... CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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