



Special Council Minutes
(Adoption of Annual Budget 2007/08)

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Bunbury City Council to adopt the 2007/2008 Budget held in the Council Chambers, City of Bunbury Administration Building, 2-4 Stephen Street, Bunbury on Tuesday, 14 August 2007.

MINUTES

14 August 2007

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING BY THE MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor, Mr David Smith, declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT

Council Committee Members	
Presiding:	His Worship the Mayor, Mr D Smith
Deputy Presiding:	Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Jones
Members:	Cr R Frisina
	Councillor A Leigh
	Councillor D Wenn
	Councillor N McCleary
	Councillor T Smith
	Councillor L Rose
	Councillor S Craddock
Councillor S Rooney	
Executive Management Team (Non-Voting)	
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr G Trevaskis
Executive Manager Corporate Services:	Mr K Weary
Executive Manager City Services:	Mr M Scott
Executive Manager City Life:	Mr D Marzano
Executive Manager City Development:	Mr G Klem
Council Officers (Non-Voting):	
City Accountant:	Mr D Ransom
Assistant Accountant:	Mr D Harrison
Community Development Officer:	Mr A Johnson
Manager Economic and Social Development:	Mrs J Massey
Manager Information Services:	Mr M Fletcher
Administration Officer Corporate Services:	Ms S Crowd
Administration Officer Corporate Services:	Mrs E Allan

PRESENT (continued)

Others (Non-Voting):	
Members of the Public:	1
Members of the Press:	Nil

APOLOGY

Councillor W Major – Leave of Absence – 6 August 2007 to 26 August 2007

Councillor T Dillon – Leave of Absence – 18 July 2007 to 31 August 2007

Councillor W Lambert – Apology – 14 August 2007

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTION 5.24 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Brendan Kelly, Turner Street, Bunbury

Mr Kelly asked the following questions:

Question 1: Prior to determining and then advertising the proposed differential general rates for 2007/08 did the Council examine all revenue and expenditure categories which by the introduction and implementation of better management techniques or more stringent application of control could have been increased or reduced.

Question 2: Prior to determining and then advertising the proposed differential general rates for 2007/08 did the Council explore and discuss the possibility of implementing new activities which could or would create new revenue. If so, what revenue and expenditure categories, including new revenue-creating activities, were explored? What was the result of the examinations undertaken?

Question 3: Since the proposed differential general rates for 2007/08 were advertised, has the Council become aware of, or been made aware of any revenue and expenditure categories, which by the introduction and implementation of better management techniques or more stringent application of controls could have been increased or reduced, or new revenue raising activities identified? If so, what are the revenue and expenditure categories, including revenue-creating activities that council has become aware or been made aware of? Have these been examined in a proper manner and what was the result of the examinations undertaken?

Question 4: What is the long-term plan the City of Bunbury has in place for when the assets that have been identified as being expendable have been sold and the rates have reached a point where they can't increase any further.

Response: His Worship the Mayor advised that the budget process commences with the development of the Strategic Plan which identifies what council's objectives and aims are over the next five years. That is followed by the Principal Activities Plan which identifies year-by-year the principal activities which will require expenditure over the five years. Next comes the review of council's Five Year Financial Plan which identifies how we propose to fund the activities over the five years and to identify which major projects may require funding from alternative sources.

The revenues available to council consist of: rates; commonwealth grants on an as needs basis; road funds; and charges for services (rubbish collection, etc.). Council's grants under the commonwealth grant system has been static for ten years. Generally, council pays its own way and receives very little in the way of allowances, unlike the smaller local government authorities. Council's grants under the road funding has been approximately the same for the past four years.

A draft budget is prepared for review by council, and this is reviewed over three or four budget meetings where briefs are obtained from each of the Executive Managers on their requirements. Where there have been public submissions or councillor items, these are then provided as a list and considered in conjunction with the draft budget. The budget is considered page-by-page to determine revenue opportunities and expenditure efficiencies. The budget document must reflect what council wants to achieve and the things we need to achieve due to: the growth of the city; the regional population; and the range of services that we want to provide to the public. At this point a draft figure for the rate increase is determined. Then an estimate of federal and road grants likely to be received are considered with assistance from the financial and rating staff.

This council is not one that has large revenues outside of the rate base and in order to ameliorate the rate, land sales and has been used for a number of years. This will continue this year with the sale to Aqwest of Council's Freehold Land currently leased to Aqwest. The amount of land that is available is reducing all the time and council's current practice is to convert them into other capital assets such as the new library, administration centre, and other facilities such as the improvement of Pioneer Park where you are working with interested community groups.

His Worship the Mayor noted that two of the last three years the City had received awards from for the quality of the financial information and documentation which it provides.

Question 5: Is there a plan that will say whether the rates will go up another 7.5% next year? Will there be something else ready to sell? When is the sale of land no longer sustainable?

Response: His Worship the Mayor advised that the Five Year Financial Plan is a financial forecast for the next five years and included the land sales which would be needed in order to achieve completion of capital projects. Some councils now forecast with ten or 20-year plans, this is an issue currently being discussed.

Council is aware that the more assets either tied up or sold the less capacity council has to ameliorate the rate. This has been construed to the financial grants commission, and the City's regional neighbours requesting contribution towards regional facilities.

The Mayor advised that the biggest land rationalisation which had occurred had been in the creation of parks and conservation reserves. \$150M worth of freehold or endowment land, in terms of current-day values, has been set aside for the conservation estate and when the regional plan is proclaimed, the whole of that landholding will become the property of the State.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

There were no disclosures of interest

5. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the Meeting is:

- To consider submissions received following advertising of Council's proposed 'Rate in the Dollar' for City of Bunbury properties.
- To adopt the 'Rate in the Dollar' and minimum rate for Differential and Specified Area Rates that Council will levy on property gross rental valuations.
- To adopt proposed charges for refuse collection and waste minimisation.
- To adopt proposed fees and charges for other general Council services.
- To adopt Council's 2007/2008 Budget.

6. ADVERTISING OF PROPOSED RATE 2007/2008 – PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Council advertised its proposed Differential and Specified Area Rates for 2007/2008 with a public submission period of twenty-three (23) days. Submissions closed 27 July 2007. Three (3) submissions were received and have been referred to Council **under separate cover** together with officer responses. It is necessary for Council to consider the submissions received prior to adoption of the Budget.

COUNCIL DECISION 158/07

Moved Cr Craddock

Seconded Cr Jones

1. *Council note the submissions received.*
2. *The Executive comments relating to the submissions received be noted.*
3. *The submissions be responded to outlining Council's consideration of the submission.*

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

7. MEMORANDUM OF IMPOSING DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2007/2008

Councillors have held two (2) budget workshops to consider the Revenue and Expenditure Draft Budget Working Papers.

COUNCIL DECISION 159/07

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr McCleary

Council adopt the following Municipal Rates in the dollar on gross rental valuations for the 2007/2008 financial year:

1. Differential Rate - Zone Group (1) (Residential)

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2007/2008 financial year on Zone Group (1) including: Residential and land zoned other than Residential used for residential purposes as a non-conforming use be **10.7599** cents in the dollar.*

2. Differential Rate - Zone Group (2) (Commercial, Industrial, Public Purpose, Other Reserves and Rural)

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2007/2008 financial year on Zone Group (2) including: Commercial; Industrial; Public Purpose; Other Reserves; and Rural; be **8.2230** cents in the dollar.*

3. Differential Rate - Zone Group (3) (City Centre and Special Use)

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2007/2008 financial year on Zone Group (3) including: City Centre and Special Use be **9.5465** cents in the dollar.*

4. Differential Rate - Zone Group (4) (Sporting Purposes)

*The Differential Rate on current Gross Rental Values for the 2007/2008 financial year on Zone Group (4) being land used for Sporting Purposes be **7.7239** cents in the dollar.*

5. Minimum Rate

5.1 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties within the City of Bunbury be **\$678.00** for Residential Zone Group (1) including: Residential and land zoned other than Residential used for residential purposes as a non-conforming use.*

5.2 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties zoned Non-Residential Zone Group (2) including: Commercial; Industrial; Public Purpose; Other Reserves; and Rural; and City Centre & Special Use Zone Group (3), be \$926.00.*

5.3 *The Minimum Rate for rateable properties within Zone Group (4), being land used for Sporting Purposes, be \$678.00.*

6. *Specified Area Rate - Central Traffic Area*

*A Specified Area Rate of 0.6999 cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for rateable properties Non-Residential Zone Group (2) and City Centre & Special Use Zone Group (3), for the provision of motor vehicle parking, road improvements and traffic management within the Central Traffic Area as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CBI”.*

7. *Specified Area Rate - Marlston Hill*

7.1 *A Specified Area Rate of 0.1809 cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Marlston Hill Development Area Structure Plan for the provision of maintaining and serving a single television aerial cable network to those properties as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB2”.*

7.2 *A Specified Area Rate of 0.5521 cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Marlston Hill Development Area Structure Plan for the provision of landscape maintenance for the entire Marlston Hill Development as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB3”.*

8. *Specified Area Rate - Grand Canals, Pelican Point*

*A Specified Area Rate of 1.3282 cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Grand Canals Pelican Point for the provision of maintaining the waterways of the development as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB4”.*

9. *Specified Area Rate – Stirling Street Streetscape*

*A Specified Area Rate of 3.1950 cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Stirling Street Streetscape Project Area for the purpose of part funding the redevelopment of streetscape improvements as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB5”.*

10. Specified Area Rate – Ocean Drive Underground Power

*A Specified Area Rate of **2.8595** cents in the dollar on the Gross Rental Valuation for all properties within the Ocean Drive Specified Area for the provision of underground power as identified on the map **attached** at Appendix “CB6”.*

11. Ex-gratia Payment for Environmental Services from Rate-Exempt Properties

*Council seek a total ex gratia payment of **\$150.00** per property for Environmental Services from rate exempt properties.*

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

8. REFUSE COLLECTION AND WASTE MINIMISATION CHARGES 2007/2008
BUDGET

The Refuse Collection and Waste Minimisation charges include:

- Weekly collection of domestic refuse
- Provision of two annual kerbside collections each of green waste and hard waste to residential properties.
- Fortnightly kerbside collection of recyclables

COUNCIL DECISION 160/07

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr Frisina

The following Refuse Collection and Waste Minimisation charges for the City of Bunbury (including general refuse collection, hard waste collection, collection of recyclables and green waste) be adopted for the 2007/2008 financial year:

1. Residential Services

- 1.1 Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$205.00 per annum.
- 1.2 Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes provision of a **140 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$184.00 per annum.
- 1.3 Residential properties where collection of general refuse, hard waste, green waste and recyclables includes a **120 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$184.00 per annum.

(Note: The above service charges include provision of an additional yellow-top 240 litre mobile garbage bin for collection of recyclables only.)

2. Additional Services

- 2.1 Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **240 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$137.00 per annum.
- 2.2 Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **140 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$116.00 per annum.

2.3 *Each additional service per week to a residential property incorporating a **120 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$116.00 per annum.*

2.4 *Each additional service per fortnight to a residential property for recycling collection incorporating a **240 litre mobile garbage bin** will be:
\$32.00 per annum.*

3. *Non-residential Services*

3.1 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$137.00 per annum for each service per week.*

3.2 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **140 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$116.00 per annum for each service per week.*

3.3 *All non-residential properties (excluding commercial and industrial properties) where refuse collection includes provision of a **120 litre mobile garbage bin**:
\$116.00 per annum for each service per week.*

4. *Commercial and Industrial Properties (Refuse Collection)*

All commercial and industrial properties where collection of refuse includes provision of a 240 litre mobile garbage bin service will have the following refuse collection charges:

<i>First service per week</i>	<i>\$163.00 per annum</i>
<i>Second and subsequent services per week</i>	<i>\$142.00 per annum</i>

5. *Commercial and Industrial Properties (Recycling)*

*All commercial and industrial properties where collection of recycling includes provision of a **240 litre mobile garbage bin service** will have the following recycling collection charges:*

<i>Fortnightly service</i>	<i>\$ 71.00 per annum</i>
<i>Weekly service</i>	<i>\$142.00 per annum</i>
<i>Twice weekly service</i>	<i>\$284.00 per annum</i>

6. *Commercial and Industrial Properties (Bulk Service)*

6.1 *All commercial and industrial properties where refuse collection includes provision of a **1,100 litre mobile garbage bin** will have the following refuse*

collection charges:

One (1) service per week **\$660.00 per annum**

6.2 *All commercial and industrial properties where collection of recycling includes provision of a **1,100 litre mobile garbage bin** will have the following recycling collection charges:*

Fortnightly service **\$330.00 per annum**

Weekly service **\$660.00 per annum**

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

9. PROPOSED LOAN BORROWINGS AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS 2007/2008

Details of the purpose and financial arrangements are included in the Draft Budget (Note 13e) circulated under separate cover:

- a) Borrowings - \$4,655,489

General Projects

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
340	Stormwater Drainage	358,874
341	Public Open Space	140,000
343	Road and Path Construction Various	480,000
Total:		978,874

Major Projects

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
335	New Works Depot	1,000,000
342	New Library	2,000,000
Total:		3,000,000

Self Supporting Loans

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
345	Bunbury Hockey Club	400,000
Total:		400,000

Refinancing

Loan No.	Purpose	Amount(\$)
331	Transition of the SWSC to City of Bunbury Management	276,615
Total:		276,615

- b) Municipal Fund Overdraft Limit - \$200,000

An overdraft provision of \$200,000 is an annual requirement of the City which is financed by the Commonwealth Bank to provide working capital (particularly in the earlier months of the financial year) prior to receipt of rate revenue. This facility exists at no cost to Council unless utilised.

COUNCIL DECISION 161/07

Moved Cr Craddock

Seconded Cr Jones

1. *Council borrow Loan Funds of \$4,655,489 during the 2007/2008 financial year as detailed in the Draft Budget 2007/2008 for Loan No's 331, 335, 340, 341, 342, 343 and 345.*
2. *Council endorse the Municipal Fund having an Overdraft Limit of \$200,000.*

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

10. ADOPTION OF THE 2007/2008 BUDGET

A copy of the Draft Budget 2007/2008 has been circulated under separate cover. Councillors developed the Draft Budget at various Budget Workshops held during June and July 2007.

COUNCIL DECISION 162/07

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr McCleary

Budgets for the following funds for the year ending 30 June 2008, be adopted:

1. Municipal Fund and the following Reserve Funds:

1.1 Town Planning Scheme Land Acquisition and Compensation Reserve Fund

1.2 Building Restoration and Maintenance Reserve Fund

1.3 Land Subdivision and Development Reserve Fund

1.4 Regional Museum Development Reserve Fund

1.5 Meat Inspection Reserve Fund

1.6 Plant and Equipment Reserve Fund

1.7 City of Bunbury General Parking Reserve

1.8 Specified Area CBD Parking Reserve

1.9 CBD Contribution Parking Reserve

1.10 Central Traffic Area Reserve (2)

1.11 College Grove Development Reserve Fund

1.13 Big Swamp Development Reserve Fund

1.14 Canal Management Reserve Fund

1.15 Refuse Collection & Waste Minimisation Reserve Fund

1.16 Town Planning Act Section 20A Reserve Fund

1.17 Bunbury Timber Jetty Reserve Fund

1.18 Heritage Building (Paisley Centre) Maintenance Reserve Fund

- 1.19 *Marlston Hill Landscape Reserve (1)*
- 1.20 *Marlston Hill Landscape Reserve (2)*
- 1.21 *Marlston Hill TV Aerial Network Reserve*
- 1.22 *Environmental Reserve*
- 1.23 *Recreation Development Reserve*
- 1.24 *Townscape Improvements Reserve*
- 1.25 *Ocean Drive Underground Power Reserve*
- 1.26 *Road Upgrade Contributions Reserve*
- 1.27 *Dual-Use Path Upgrade Contributions Reserve*
- 1.28 *Library Construction Reserve*
- 1.29 *Depot Construction Reserve*
- 1.30 *City Arts Collection Committee Reserve*

2. *Trust Fund*

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

11. DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES AND RUBBISH COLLECTION CHARGES 2007/2008

The adoption of the Budget must record the due dates for payment of Rates and Rubbish Collection charges for the four-payment instalment plan. The dates are referred to Council for endorsement.

Rate Notices will be issued on 24 August 2007. Under the Local Government Act 1995, the City is required to provide at least 35 days notice to ratepayers of the 1st instalment date for payment of rates and not less than 2 months between subsequent instalment dates.

A budget information brochure will be included with every rate notice, together with a separate brochure produced by the Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA explaining Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

COUNCIL DECISION 163/07

Moved Cr McCleary
Seconded Cr Leigh

The due dates for payment of Rates and Rubbish Collection Charges for 2007/2008 be as follows:

- 1. First Instalment Payment and Payment in full: 28 September 2007*
- 2. Second Instalment: 28 November 2007*
- 3. Third Instalment: 28 January 2008*
- 4. Fourth Instalment: 28 March 2008*

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

12. ADMINISTRATION AND INTEREST FEES ON RATES, RUBBISH, WASTE MINIMISATION AND GENERAL DEBTOR COLLECTION CHARGES 2007/2008 YEAR

COUNCIL DECISION 164/07

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr Leigh

The following Rates and Charges are proposed as allowed under the Local Government Act 1995, to provide for Administration and Interest Charges on Rating, Rubbish, Waste Minimisation and General Debtor Collection charges during the 2007/2008 financial year:

1. Instalment Plan Administration Fee

An Instalment Plan Administration fee of \$6.00 for the second and each subsequent instalment notice issued will apply for rates and rubbish collection charges.

2. “Ad hoc” Payment Plan Fee

The recommended \$20.00 Administration Charge per assessment apply on approved payment plans for rates and rubbish accounts which fall outside the standard four instalments program.

3. Late Payment Interest Charge

A charge on outstanding rates and rubbish collection accounts (including amounts owed on ad hoc Payment Plans) of 10% will be calculated daily at 0.0274% by simple interest basis for the number of days from the account due date until the day prior to the day on which the payment is received.

4. Instalment Plan Interest Charge

An interest rate of 5.5% will be calculated on a daily basis at 0.0151% by simple interest basis from the due date of the first instalment as shown on the rate notice to the due date of each respective instalment.

5. Late Payment Interest Charge (Excluding Rates & Charges)

A charge of 6.5% interest, calculated on a simple interest basis for the number of days outstanding, may apply on unpaid debts (other than rates and rubbish collection charges) outstanding 35 days from the date of invoices raised after 1 July 2007.

6. Waivers

In respect to the Late Payment Interest Charge on rates and charges, the method of calculating the interest charge is on the daily balance outstanding. There are

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instances where a small balance remains on the property assessment. This may have occurred due to a delay in the receipt of mail payments or monies from property settlements etc., and additional daily interest has accumulated.

Amounts outstanding of \$5.00 and under will be waived, as it is not considered cost effective or equitable to recover from the new property owner. Estimated loss of revenue from this waiver is \$750.00.

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

13. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2007/2008 BUDGET

The Schedule of proposed Fees and Charges for the 2007/2008 financial year which forms part of the 2007/2008 Budget has been prepared and circulated to Council under separate cover.

COUNCIL DECISION 165/07

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Craddock

The Schedule of Fees and Charges (which forms part of the 2007/2008 Budget) be adopted effective from 15 August 2007.

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

14. ELECTED MEMBERS FEES AND ALLOWANCES

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, annual fees will be paid to Council members for attendance at meetings of the Council and Council (Standing) Committee together with a Communications Allowance.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will receive an additional allowance.

COUNCIL DECISION 166/07

Moved Cr Jones

Seconded Cr Leigh

That Council adopt the Elected Member sitting fees and allowances as prescribed by the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 being:

<i>Councillor Sitting Fee</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00 per annum</i>
<i>Mayoral Sitting Fee</i>	<i>\$14,000.00 per annum</i>
<i>Councillor Communications Allowance</i>	<i>\$ 2,400.00 per annum</i>
<i>Mayoral Allowance</i>	<i>\$23,300.00 per annum</i>
<i>Deputy Mayoral Allowance</i>	<i>\$ 5,825.00 per annum</i>

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against" (Absolute Majority Vote Obtained)

15. REPORTING OF MATERIAL VARIANCES IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR 2007/2008

It is a requirement under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the Council to adopt (each year) a percentage or value, to be used for reporting material variances in the Statement of Financial Activity. Any variance meeting this criteria will be required to have a supporting explanation in the monthly report to Council.

Council last adopted the reporting variances criteria at the Special Council Meeting for the adoption of the 2006/2007 Budget on 1 August 2006.

Information is considered "material" if its omission, mis-statement or non-disclosure has the potential to adversely affect decisions by users of the financial report or affect the discharge of accountability by management or Council.

COUNCIL DECISION 167/07

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr McCleary

A variance between actual and budget-to-date of greater than or equal to 10% and \$5,000 is considered to be a material variance for reporting purposes in the Statement of Financial Activity for 2007/2008.

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

Cr Judy Jones then moved the following Motion, seconded Cr Leigh:

COUNCIL DECISION 168/07

Moved Cr Jones
Seconded Cr Leigh

That a calculation of rates ceded as a result of rates-exempt properties be done and included in the proceedings of this meeting.

CARRIED

10 Votes "For" / Nil Votes "Against"

The City of Bunbury has 130 properties which are rate-exempt under Section 6.2.6 of the Local Government Act 1995 equalling foregone rates of \$278,101.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:45 pm.

CONFIRMED this day 28 August 2007, to be a true and correct record of proceedings of the Bunbury City Council Special Council Meeting held 14 August 2007.

D SMITH
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR